

# Long Term Recovery Group Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Present:** Chris Helle (Emergency Services Disaster Agency); Richard Proffer, Jared Mathis (Fulton County Veterans Assistance Commission), Josephine Helland (FEMA), Matthew Raymond (IEMA); Jessica Sparenberg (Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library), Sarah Nottle (Salvation Army 360), Michelle Spiva (Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development), Micah Garnett (Trinity Lutheran Church of Canton), Gayle Blodgett (Spoon River Library District), Will Ferguson (Temple Baptist Church)

**Absent:**

Chris Helle, in conjunction with Josephine Helland (FEMA) and Matthew Raymond (IEMA), reviewed what a Long-Term Recovery Group does for communities following natural disasters. Attendees discussed membership, forming a chair committee (including Chairperson, vice-chairperson, members), forming a regular meeting schedule, and potential by-laws. Members also discussed potential member participations, existing resources, potential trainings, and community events/trainings.

Josephine discussed potential grants available to assist LTRG's with providing assistance to those seeking it. Chris Helle discussed previous disasters and resources available at the time, as well as the impact of the assistance for individuals.

**Approved Motion:** Jessica Sparenberg made a motion to schedule meetings for second Monday of the month. (Motion: J. Sparenberg; Second: W. Ferguson)

Jessica will distribute minutes to all members of the group following the meeting, as well as a tentative meeting schedule for 2025.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library Board Room.**