

**EMERGENCY MEETING
KIT CARSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

JUNE 16, 2014

3:30 P.M. EMERGENCY MEETING

3:45 P.M. MEETING ADJOURN

NEW ITEMS:

- Resolution

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gary Koop at 3:35 P.M. Those present were Gary Koop, Dave Hornung, Paula Weeks, Tom Ridnour and Della Calhoon. Absent was Dave Gwyn.

RESOLUTION FOR KIT CARSON COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weather conditions that occurred around 5:15 P.M. on June 14, 2014. Tornado force wind-shear cut across a large area of the northern half of the county beginning around County Rd 20 and continued on into Kansas. The wind was followed by 3/4-inch hail which fell throughout the eastern portion of the county.

Motion to approve Declaration of Disaster was made by Dave Hornung, seconded by Gary Koop. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Gary Koop, Chairman



Date



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Gary Koop,
District 1 Commissioner
David Gwyn,
District 2 Commissioner
Dave Hornung,
District 3 Commissioner

June 16, 2014

Colorado Division of Emergency Management (DEM)
9195 East Mineral Avenue, Suite #200
Centennial, CO 80112

Re: Disaster Declaration

To Whom It May Concern:

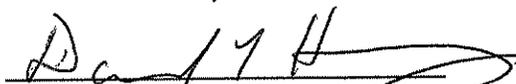
Enclosed is a copy of Kit Carson County, Colorado's Disaster Declaration dated June 16, 2014 concerning the Severe Thunderstorm and High Winds which occurred across the Northern half of Kit Carson County from North of Stratton to the Kansas state border. The storm brought a tornadic wind-shear followed by hail causing significant property, crop, and utility damage throughout that area. The event seriously impacted two-thirds of the county when it took out all of the main electric lines coming into the area south of the wind-event. Evaluation of damages is on-going as is replacement of the power lines and poles.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office at the phone number or email address listed above. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Very respectfully,



Gary Koop, Chairman



David L. Hornung, Commissioner

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KIT CARSON)

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Kit Carson County, Colorado, held at the Court House in Burlington on Wednesday the 16th day of June, there were present:

- Gary Koop..... Chairman
- Dave HornungCommissioner
- Della Calhoon..... County Clerk
- Paula Weeks.....Administrator

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution for Kit Carson County Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, A sudden, severe thunderstorm occurred with little warning around 5:15 p.m., on June 14th, 2014. It brought with it what was apparently a tornado force wind-shear which cut across a large area of the northern half of the county beginning around County Road 20 and continuing to the Kansas state border. The wind was followed by 3/4-inch hail which fell throughout the eastern portion of the county.

WHEREAS, The primary wind-shear overturned and destroyed many pieces of crop irrigation equipment. Some of the equipment was blown into electric power lines which in one area destroyed three miles of power line. The wind-shear also destroyed several main transmission line poles which bring electricity into the region continuing into Cheyenne County, Colorado. In essence the storm took out every avenue of electric power into the towns of Vona, Stratton, Bethune, and Burlington, Colorado. The electric service was interrupted to the affected area lasting at least five hours in Vona, Bethune, and Stratton and over 24 hours in Burlington causing most people and businesses in the area to lose their perishable foods. The storm was surrounded by high winds which caused numerous trees to be broken causing damage to homes and other property such as cars. Also produced by the storm was 3/4 inch hail which caused a great degree of destruction to much of the area's crops.

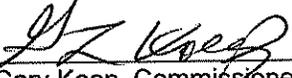
WHEREAS, Kit Carson County has been working with local power companies to restore electric service to all citizens in the area. Power companies and the electricians of the City of Burlington have worked tirelessly to restore power to provide sustainment for the local citizenry and businesses. Permanent repairs on the power delivery systems and the main transmission lines and poles may take days or weeks.

WHEREAS, Kit Carson County is working with local agencies and jurisdictions to assess the direct financial costs of repairs and replacements of infrastructure and private property. Long term economic impact to the region due to the loss of irrigation equipment and loss of crops may be substantial and is well above the threshold of the declaration of a disaster for this county.

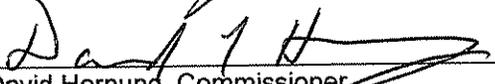
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Kit Carson County, Colorado hereby declares a local disaster in Kit Carson County, Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 16th day of June, 2014.

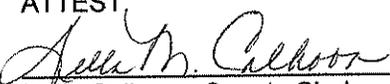
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIT CARSON COUNTY



Gary Koop, Commissioner



David Hornung, Commissioner

ATTEST:


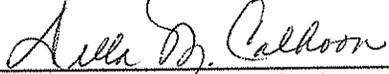
Della Calhoon, County Clerk



STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KIT CARSON)

I, Della Calhoon, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Resolution is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of said Kit Carson County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County at Burlington, this 16th day of June, 2014.



Della Calhoon, County Clerk



Della Calhoon

From: Kevin.Kuretich@state.co.us
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 4:05 PM
To: KCC EMS; KCCAdmin; Dave Gwyn; dhornung704@gmail.com; Dave Hornung; mweber@kitcarsonstatebank.com; Della Calhoon; sayles@plainstel.com; scolie84@gmail.com; randymillburn@burlingtoncolo.com; loveburlington@gmail.com; Dawn James; rockingcm@gmail.com; police@strattoncolorado.com; Shane M. Laverenz; Travis Belden; Darrin Newberry; Tim Cooley; Carlton Briton; Under Sheriff; Sheriff; firechief_emt@yahoo.com; cromans@kccmh.org; Gary Koop
Subject: Kit Carson County Event Post- WEBEOC General Information

Kit Carson, Colorado Kit Carson County Declaration of Emergency requesting any Recovery Assistance related to the June13-14 Storm impacting the county of Kit Carson.

Enclosed (WebEOC) is a copy of Kit Carson County Disaster Declaration dated June 16, 2014 This storm event brought tornadic wind-shear's followed by destructive hail causing significant property, crop, and utility damage throughout the county.

This event seriously impacted two-thirds of the county when it took out all of the main electric lines coming into the area. Evaluation of damages is on-going as is replacement of the power lines and poles. This declaration is requesting any recovery assistance from the State of Colorado, and USDA.

NE Field Manager - kevin.kuretich at 15:53:59 on 6/16/2014

Posted to: NE Regional Board- State Significant Events- NE Regional Board-