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Dodge County Board of Supervisors

DODGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
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435 North Park Ave.

Fremont, Ne 68025

Appendix Item # 15  
Date 6-19-2019

Dear Board Members:

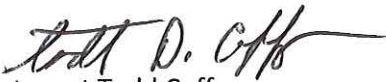
It was a busy year for the Dodge County Water Rescue team. We responded to the Elkhorn River for a search of a local drowning victim in 2018. The flood of March 2019 was an event that tested our local water rescue team as well as all first responders in the area. We plan, train and purchase equipment for these such events. But can never have done enough of the above to prepare us what we had to witness this last year with the flooding event. This event taxed our resources, equipment and the minimal training we have for such events as swift water rescues.

We continue to receive great support from the City of Fremont in support of the Dodge County Water Rescue Team. They provide the wages and overtime cost for the personnel to respond to all the emergency that we respond to and to take care and storage of all our equipment. This allows us to keep a professionally staffed crew able to respond 24 hours a day anywhere in Dodge County or the surrounding area. Again would like to recognize Victory Marine in Fremont for their continued support of the team. They provide us with a free boat motor for our boat and Woodcliff Lake response team in their boat motor needs that we have used in the past.

The Board of Supervisor and the water rescue team will have to address the need for further training in swift water rescue events and the replacement of our current boat. This boat is outdated and non-effective in the flooding event of 2019. The training needed is available and the boats and motors we need our readily available but the cost is what holds us back on a limited budget. The \$5,000.00 we received this past year was used to complete annual inspections and repairs to the scuba equipment we maintain 10 sets of. The remainder of the budget was used to purchase new and replace outdated equipment. With little left to provide for any training needs for this past years budget. So we ask for your continued support of the water rescue team and continue to budget us the amount of at least \$5,000.00 for the 2020 budget year.

Again we would like to thank you for your continued support of the Dodge County Water Rescue Team. And your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated. If you would need any further information or have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely



Lieutenant Todd Coffey

Secretary

**DODGE COUNTY WATER RESCUE TEAM**

**2019 ACTUAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES**

**\$5,000.00 BUDGET**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Starting Balance		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Aqua Trec, Lincoln, NE		(\$2,712.06)
Annual inspection and service with repairs and Hydro testing of Scuba equipment		
Aqua Trec - New scuba equipment (Mask, snorkel and fins)		(\$299.00)
MES - Replace two swift water Rescue suit damaged from flood		(\$1,200.00)
MES - Purchase helmet lamps, suit strobes lights and carabineers		<u>(\$788.94)</u>
<b><u>Ending balance</u></b>		<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>