

Richardson County Emergency Manager Resigns

(KLZA)-- Richardson County will be advertising for applications for a new Emergency Management Director.

Brian Dixon who has served in that position since January of 2014 has submitted his resignation. Dixon tells MSCNEWS he has accepted a position as an emergency manager near Seattle, Washington. Dixon is originally from Oregon.

Following a meeting with the Richardson County Commissioners Tuesday morning, Dixon talked about some of the challenges of serving as Emergency Manager in Richardson County. Among those challenges is the geography which includes the Missouri River as a border on one side of the County, different states bordering two side of the county and the dynamics of brining everyone together who has a different view of what is most important for planning an preparedness. Dixon asked the Board what if anything they would like to do in attempting to find a replacement. Dixon may help with interviews of candidates. He was also asked to complete the request for funds from Cooper Nuclear Station for the next budget cycle.

Dixon talked about some of the qualities someone would need to serve as Emergency Management Director. He says the new manager will need to understand the Emergency Management is a constantly changing profession. The major goal must be to bolster preparedness for a natural disaster that may happen.

Dixon's resignation is effective March 18th. When was asked about the idea of two counties sharing a director. Dixon says he feels like it would likely reduce the amount of funding from Cooper Nuclear Richardson County receives, and that he feels right now the County needs more attention to the get program functioning at a high level than a shared director could give.

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