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Name 22-Man Steering Committee For County Rural Address System

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tion feels the need for a uniform means of assigning rural addresses so fire departments and other emergency personnel, such as law officials, emergency vehicles, ambulance drivers, and doctors, can quickly locate addresses outside their immediate territory.

The uniform rural address system easily locates two or more rural occupants of the same name in the same area. It helps keep track of persons moving from one location to another in the same area. Fire or law officer alarms are usually transmitted under less than ideal conditions, and under the Standard Address System the location is certain.

The Standard Rural Address System is simple. Anyone familiar with it should be able to drive directly to a designated location without a map. Location numbers are put up in front of each farm. They show up well at night and are located in the same manner at each farm or rural home.

A 22-member county-wide steering committee has been named to further study and prepare proposals on the Iowa Standard Rural Address System for Hardin county.

The committee was selected by more than 80 persons who attended the Monday night meeting at the courthouse in Eldora and voted to proceed with the rural directory system.

Members of the steering committee are Gene Berndt of Buckeye, W. O. Lettow of Alden, Gordon Rabe, Bill Carpenter and Maurice Stiner of Iowa Falls, Mark Shugar, Don Arends and Stan Squires of Ackley, Gary Fuller and Jim Williams of Owasa, Hollis Havens and Harold Luiken of Steamboat Rock, Carroll Hobson, Harold Balvanz, John McBride and Don Brown of Eldora, Francis Krueger of Hubbard, Ed Faris of New Providence, Rex Lewis of Union, Irwin Seward of Whitten, Dean Luhman of Radcliffe and Floyd Friest of Garden City.

The committee is scheduled to organize Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Owasa schoolhouse.

A major consideration for the committee is financing of the project. It was estimated during Monday night's meeting that construction and installation of intersection markers throughout the county would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

In addition, the numbers and posts to be placed at each rural site in the county would cost approximately \$3 each. This would not include installation. Involved are approximately 3,000 sets of rural buildings in Hardin county.

Thus, cost of the entire project could approach \$20,000.

It is likely that the project will be financed in one of two ways: 1) through the Board of Supervisors, to be paid by county tax money; 2) or through the township trustees in each of the 15 townships, through fire protection levy.

Only one of the 15 townships, Sherman, in Hardin county does not have a fire protection levy, whereby the trustees, three in each township, are authorized to levy a one and one-half mill tax for the purpose of fire protection. In most instances, less than one mill is now being assessed. Since a major benefit of the system would be for location of rural fire calls, it is assumed that the unused portion of the levy could be used to defray cost of the address system.

The rural address system would mark the location of each farmstead, rural non-farm home and individual homes in housing developments in rural areas.

The Monday night meeting was sponsored by the Hardin County Firemen's Association and Hardin County Technical Action Panel. The latter includes Jim Rector of the Farm Home Administration office in Iowa Falls, chairman; Gaylord Thayer, office manager at the ASCS office in Iowa Falls; Jim Goode of Eldora, Hardin County Extension Director; and Chuck McCarty of Eldora, District Soil Conservationist.

The TAP assists with organization of proposed county-wide projects and provides necessary technical assistance. Rector was in charge of Monday night's meeting, which featured a talk and slide presentation by Bill Nelson, Chief Instructor of the Fire Service Extension at Iowa State University in Ames.

Nelson reported the Standard Rural Address System is now being used in more than 20 Iowa counties. He estimated that the system would take close to a year to implement.

The address system was developed by the Fire Service Extension of Iowa State University, Ames, in cooperation with several county firemen's associations in Iowa. The present Hardin County Firemen's Association