



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 5, 2017

An attendance sheet was distributed by the LEPC.

Committee Members Present: Pat Beghin (Columbia County Emergency Management), Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Paul Nadolski (WI-DNR), Barry Pufahl (Columbia County Board Supervisor), Dan Drew (Columbia County Board Supervisor), David Tracey (Village of Pardeeville Administrator), Randy Koehn (Columbus Emergency Management), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), Susan Lorenz (Columbia County Health Department), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Nancy Long (County Board Supervisor-Lodi), Susanna Bradley (County Board Supervisor – Caledonia Wd. 1 & Pacific)

Committee Members Absent with Notice: Judy Haase (Spectrum Brands-Portage)-Resignation received, Dennis Richards (Sheriff), Ryan Avery (American Red Cross Representative)

Committee Members Absent: Media Representative, Keith Ripp (Representative 42nd Assembly District), Clayton Simonson (Portage Fire Department), Mike Hudgens (Portage Fire Department)

The meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Patrick Beghin at 1:38 PM at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI 53901. *A motion was made by Tracey to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2017 AGENDA

A motion was made by Tracey and seconded by Drew to approve the committee agenda as noticed. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Drew and seconded by Nadolski to approve the July 2016 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

ELECTION OF LEPC CHAIRMAN

Chairman Patrick Beghin announced his retirement as of February 10, 2017. *A motion was made by Pufahl that the LEPC Chairman position always remain the current Emergency Management Coordinator in the future. Seconded by Tracey. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Judy Haase has resigned her position on the LEPC she has held for the last 15+ years. The committee requested a letter signed by the chairman be sent to Judy from the LEPC to thank her for her years of service.

UPDATE LEPC BY-LAWS & REVIEW DESIGNATION OF LEPC INSPECTOR & HAZMAT RESPONSE

A motion was made by Drew and seconded by Sievers to accept the LEPC By-Laws as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

A motion was made by Drew and seconded by Tracey to Designate the State of Wisconsin as the LEPC Inspector for Columbia County. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Tracey to leave the hazmat response as is. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

EPCRA (Emergency Planning Community Right To Know Act) \$ REIMBURSEMENT

Kathy Johnson reported that we received the First and Second Half 2016 EPCRA reimbursement of \$14,090.00 each for a total of \$28,180.00 for 2016.

EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant) \$ REIMBURSEMENT

Kathy Johnson reported that we received the First & Second Half 2016 EMPG reimbursement in the amount of \$23,895.50 each for a total of \$47,791.00 for 2016. In addition, we also received the 2015 Redistribution of \$6,189.78. The 2016 Hazmat Equipment Grant reimbursement of \$7,924.31 was received along with the 2015 Hazmat Equipment Grant redistribution of \$381.00.

EPCRA PLAN UPDATES / NEW EPCRA PLANS WRITTEN

Kathy Johnson reported that 9 large facility emergency response plans have been updated.

Kathy also reported that a new emergency response plan written for Cliff's Inc. in Friesland was completed and approved by the State of Wisconsin.

TRAINING & EXERCISES

Pat Beghin gave an overview of all the training and exercises we were involved in which included:

- Full Scale Exercise at Columbus Schools (included all teachers and school personnel) on a response to an "Active Shooter" & "Rescue Task Force"
- Full Scale Exercise at Portage High School on a response to an "Active Shooter" and "Rescue Task Force"
Pat explained the Rescue Task Force concept and that a best practice is needed for all departments. He also explained reunification during an incident.
- Tabletop Exercise at Grande Cheese involving a chemical release and included representatives from Grande Cheese, DNR, Fire, Columbia Health Care Center, and Wyona Senior Living Apartments.
- **Future Exercises:** Pat explained that the State is applying for a grant to do planning and hold a large scale exercise response in Wisconsin Dells to a terrorism incident.

HAZMAT SPILLS

Pat Beghin gave an overview of the chemical spills that have occurred throughout Columbia County which included:

- On 8/7/2016, a semi-truck crash involving the release of diesel fuel. Response cost was \$3,561.58.
- On 12/7/2016, a semi-truck hit debris in the road resulting in a diesel fuel spill. Response cost was \$1,222.75.
- There were a number of small spills that were not billed out.


SEPTEMBER FLOOD ISSUES

Pat Beghin gave an overview of the September flood issues which included everything is saturated from all the rain and that we are setting up to look like 2008. DOT was very concerned and monitoring I39, as water was on the gravel edge of the interstate highway near Cascade Mountain Road. Lake Mason, Neenah Creek, and Fox River were all very high, and part of County Highway CM washed out. We had Slow No Wake Orders on the Big Slough, Fox River, and the Wisconsin River. In Briggsville, the water was topping the dam and flowing over the road. The Towns of Caledonia & Newport have filed to the State of Wisconsin for the State Disaster Fund to cover damages incurred during September.

Randy Koehn thanked Pat for all his service.

A motion was made by Tracey and seconded by Pufahl to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen M. Johnson

Recording Secretary / Coordinator of Information

Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee

These minutes were recorded by Kathleen M. Johnson/LEPC Recording Secretary/Coordinator of Information

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