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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES January 7, 2016

An attendance sheet was distributed by the LEPC and Bryon Bensen of Trans Canada Pipeline.

Committee Members Present: Pat Beghin (Columbia County Emergency Management), Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Susan Lorenz (Columbia County Health Department), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Paul Nadolski (WI-DNR), Barry Pufahl (Columbia County Board), David Tracey (Village of Pardeeville Administrator), Diana O'Neill (American Red Cross Representative), Jonathan Stefonek (Portage Daily Register Media Representative), Bryon Bensen (Trans Canada Pipeline Safety Presentation Presenter)

Committee Members Absent with Notice: Judy Haase (Spectrum Brands-Portage), Dennis Richards (Sheriff), Randy Koehn (Columbus Emergency Management), Keith Ripp (Representative 42nd Assembly District), Mike Hudgens (Portage Fire Department), Clayton Simonson (Portage Fire Department) contacted day after

Committee Members Absent:

The meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Patrick Beghin at 1:35 PM at Alliant Energy/Columbia Generating, W8375 Murray Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954 and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2016 AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF JULY 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers to approve the July 9, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the remainder of the committee.

TRANS CANADA PIPELINE SAFETY PRESENTATION – BRYON BENSEN

Bryon Benson comes from a fire/hazmat background and is presently Battalion Chief for the Eau Claire Fire Department. Bryon gave an overview of the company and how they own the pipelines not the product, and that they are very large pipelines with very high pressures. He explained how their pipelines are all being monitored in Houston, TX and can remotely be shut down in the event of an incident or a drop in pressure. He stated that all pipeline markers include the following information: who owns the pipeline, what is in the pipeline, and who to call in an emergency. Bryon talked about the high consequence areas and gave an example of a pipeline under a school parking lot and next to a ball field at a school in Appleton. He also explained some of the ways you detect a pipeline leak. Some, but not all, gases may have an odorant added that may smell like "rotten eggs" or "skunk", but said this is not always the case. Other ways of detecting a leak may be water and or mud bubbling out of the ground, dead vegetation, frost on top of the ground in the warmer months, or fire dancing on the ground. All Trans Canada employees are required to have ICS 100 & 200. Anyone suspecting any type of leak should contact Trans Canada and not try and close any valves or try and stop a leak because of the high pressures involved. The company should be contacted immediately and emergency responders should stay back, evacuate area, and provide medical care if necessary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chairman – Patrick Beghin – Motion made by David Tracey and seconded by Nate Sievers. Nominations were closed. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- Vice Chairman – Clayton Simonson, Jr. - Motion made by David Tracey and seconded by Barry Pufahl. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- Recording Secretary – Kathy Johnson – Motion made by David Tracey and seconded by Barry Pufahl. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

- Coordinator of Information – Kathy Johnson – Motion made by David Tracey and seconded by Barry Pufahl. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- Elections were closed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The LEPC Committee reviewed each committee member appointment sent by the clerk's office individually.

- Patrick Beghin – Motion made by David Tracey and seconded by Barry Pufahl and all in favor.
- Judy Haase – Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Suzi Hemler – Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Mike Hudgens - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Kathy Johnson - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Kirk Konkel - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Susan Lorenz - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Paul Nadolski - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Barry Pufahl – Motion made by David Tracey and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Keith Ripp - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Nathan Sievers – Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by David Tracey and all in favor.
- Clayton Simonson Jr. - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- David Tracey - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Media Representative – Daily Register - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Red Cross - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.
- Bob Zapotocny – Bob has retired as Emergency Management Director for the City of Columbus. Fire Chief Randy Koehn has been appointed to take over this position as well as the representative to the LEPC but could not be present for today's meeting - Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Nate Sievers and all in favor.

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

- A motion was made by Suzi Hemler and seconded by Paul Nadolski to keep the LEPC By-Laws as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.
- A motion was made by David Tracey and seconded by Suzi Hemler to keep the State of Wisconsin designated as the LEPC Inspector. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.
- Another motion was made Nate Sievers and seconded by Diana O'Neill to continue to have the Portage Fire Department/Hazmat Team as the county's response team. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

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

Kathy Johnson reported that we have not received the Second Half 2015 EPCRA reimbursement yet. The Hazmat Equipment Grant reimbursement of \$7,548.00 was received on 12/21/15.

EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant) \$ REIMBURSEMENT

Kathy Johnson reported that we not have received the Second Half 2015 EMPG reimbursement yet.

EPCRA PLAN UPDATES / NEW EPCRA PLANS WRITTEN

Kathy Johnson reported that 15 facility emergency response plans have been updated. No new facility plans have been written.

TRAINING & EXERCISES

Pat Beghin gave an overview of all the training and exercises which included:

- Columbia County Courthouse – approximately 100 employees participated – scenario was employee safety and an active shooter. Pat explained that we may hold off for a bit for the next trainings until the new buildings are built. A question came up from the Red Cross if we would need anything from them during an evacuation. Pat explained that we have plans in place and would initially evacuate to the Annex and the City Hall/Portage Police Department or to the Law Enforcement Center if we needed to evacuate a greater distance.
- The City of Portage and CP Railroad held a crude oil Tabletop & Functional Exercise.
- The City of Columbus and CP Railroad held a crude oil Tabletop Exercise.
- The City of Wisconsin Dells would like to host a Tabletop Exercise with the railroad on the crude oil this year.
- Pat Beghin & Kathy Johnson attended the WEMA (Wisconsin Emergency Management Association) Conference.
- Pat Beghin attended the All Counties Meeting.

- Kathy Johnson attended the DATCP (Department Ag Trade Consumer Protection) Tabletop Exercise at the December Wisconsin Emergency Management Regional Meeting in Madison.

HAZMAT SPILLS

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

- October 2015 – Columbia County Solid Waste Department truck had a oil spill - \$1,048.76.
- September 2015 – Comfort Suites Hotel mixed pool chemicals and had to evacuate all residents - \$9,742.27.
- Three incidents that were not billed out for, BP Gas in Poynette had a 100 gallon gasoline spill, and construction workers performing direct boring hit natural gas pipelines in the City of Portage at two different locations.

COUNTY-WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was adopted by the Columbia County Board at their October 2015 meeting. Some municipalities still have to adopt the plan and send signed paperwork to the Emergency Management Office. The Village of Pardeeville's Administrator David Tracey stated he thought they had already adopted the plan and sent in the paperwork but was not positive. Pat to check and get back to him.

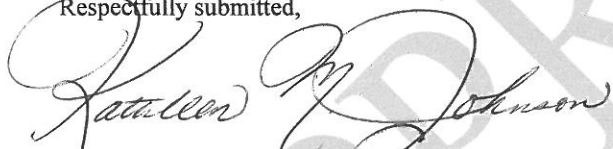
ALLIANT ENERGY PRESENTATION - NATE SIEVERS

Nate Sievers gave a power point presentation of Alliant Energy/Columbia Generating. The facility began construction in 1975, now has 2 boilers which produce over 1000 MW and is 20% of Wisconsin's total power. It is the largest plant in the state. The generating station uses 330 tons of coal per hour and is transported in by rail using approximately one train per day. The coal comes from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming which has less sulfur in the coal. The AQCS project was the latest two year upgrade project and it is designed to take out all chemical particles for cleaner air. Nate went on to explain why the facility is an EPCRA (Emergency Planning Community Right To Know Act), and it is because of the large amount of Sulfuric Acid which is used in two capacities. The first being for their water system, and the other is a component of the batteries on site. The facility has an onsite well trained 16 member (employee) industrial fire brigade, Level A hazmat team, rope rescue, elevator rescue, confined space, and EMS. He explained the dangers of coal fires and that they use F-500 Foam.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM all were in favor.

The next LEPC meeting will be held in July 2016. The exact date, time, and location to follow.

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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