

MINUTES
COLUMBIA COUNTY WISCONSIN LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
January 10th, 2024

Committee Members Present Bob Koch (Columbia County Emergency Management), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), Ken Hutler (Citizen Member), Keith Miller (County Board), Brad TenBarge (Enbridge), Amy Sandow (Columbus Emergency Management), Troy Haase (Portage Fire)

The meeting of the Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Koch at 1:30 in the John Roche Community Room at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 East Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 LEGALLY NOTICED AGENDA

Committee approved the agenda as it was legally noticed.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2023 MINUTES

Motion by Hutler to approve July 2023 LEPC minutes. Seconded by Hemler. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LEPC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Robert Maier - Resignation
- Motion to fill vacant or unassigned positions in the following areas: Compliance Inspector Temporary with Bob Koch. Motion approved by Troy Haase. Seconded by Keith Klafke. Motion carried.
- Motion to fill vacant or unassigned positions in the following areas: Recording Secretary Temporary with Amy Sandow. Motion approved by Bob Koch. Seconded by Keith Klafke.
- New County board after April 2024. If anyone wants to resign, please notify Bob Koch.

ERPCRA PLAN UPDATES/APPROVALS

- Ten were due, 11 were written. Motion approved by Troy Haase. Seconded by Keith Klafke.

TRAINING & EXERCISE

Portage Hazmat Initial Technician Class will occur sometime in the spring.

Incident Command Training

- ICS 300 - January 15th - January 31st, 2024 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Columbia County Law Enforcement Center

- ICS 400 - February 20th - February 29th, 2024 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Columbia County Law Enforcement Center

Past Exercises

- County Wide Rapid Intervention Training (RIT) - Purpose was for training on rescuing firefighters. Was at Rusch Elementary. Goal is to have more RIT teams in Columbia County.

REVIEW BYLAWS - POSSIBLE ACTION

Suzi Hemler made a motion to change page 3 of bylaws from Roberts Rules of Business to Roberts Rules of Order. Motion seconded by Keith Klafke.

HAZMAT SPILLS/INCIDENT RESPONSE

Ten reported spills to DNR Hotline

End of December, Alter Metal Recycling had an incident after a water main break was pushing out oil and the oil ran into the canal. Contaminated soil was dug out filled with gravel.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS

- Equipment Grant
- EPRCA/EMPG - Dispersed in April or May

MEMBER INPUT

Alliant Energy received a \$30 million grant from the Department of Energy for nation's first carbon dioxide battery. Article is attached:
<https://www.jsonline.com/story/money/business/energy/2023/09/22/alliant-gets-30-million-doe-grant-to-test-new-carbon-dioxide-battery/70927926007/>


Grant opportunities

- Firehouse Subs - Opens Jan 15th
- Compeer Financial - Opens Jan 15th
- Apex Columbia Wind Community Grants
- Adams Columbia Co Cooperative Grant

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Columbia County LEPC meeting will be held Thursday, July 11th, 2024 at 1:30 pm, at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 East Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin

Motion to adjourn was made by Keith Miller. Seconded by Troy Haase. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J Sandow 
Temporary Secretary - January 2024

Approved July 11, 2024