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## **Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes Thursday, July 8, 2021**

**Committee Members Present:** Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Clayton Simonson (Portage Fire Department), Amy Sandow (Columbus Emergency Management Director), Brad TenBarge (Enbridge), Henry St. Maurice (County Board Rep.), Barry Pufahl (County Board Rep.), Troy Haase (Portage Fire Department) Nathan Sievers (Alliant Energy), Kevin O'Neill (Citizen Member), Amy Sandow (Columbus Emergency Management), Erin Salmon (Pardeeville DPW), Keith Klafke (Portage Police Department)

**Committee Members Present via conference call:** Dennis Richards (Citizen Member), Diana O'Neill (Red Cross)

**Committee Members Absent with Notice:** Amanda Blank (Alliant Energy), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), Roger Brandner (Sheriff), Marie Darling Ellis (Columbia County Emergency Management)

**Committee Members Absent:** Media Representative from Portage Daily Register, Ken Hutler (Citizen Member), Jon Plumer (State Representative), Paul Nadolski (WDNR)

**Also In Attendance:** Ryan Armson (Portage Fire Department), Dave Tishkowski (EK Machine),

The meeting of the Columbia County Local Emergency Planning committee was called to order by Chairman Kathy Johnson at 1:30 p.m. in the John Roche Community Room at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 East Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin. A conference call line was set up for members to attend as well.

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 2021 LEGALLY NOTICED AGENDA**

The committee approved the agenda as it was legally noticed.

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2021 MINUTES**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the January 2021 LEPC minutes. Seconded by Haase. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **LEPC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Sharon Foley – Resignation/Retired.
- Craig Ratz – Resignation/Retired.

- New Member - Dave Tishkowski/EK Machine. Dave was introduced. Motion by St. Maurice to approve Tishkowski as a new member of the LEPC. Seconded by Pufahl. Motion carried.
- New Member – Eric Ingram/FXI. Unable to attend today’s meeting.
- New Member - Shawn Stoeger – Aspirus/DSH. Unable to attend today’s meeting.

### **REPLACEMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF LEPC**

- Replacement of Craig Ratz as Vice Chair of the LEPC. Discussion. Motion by Klafke to nominate and appoint Troy Haase as the new Vice Chair of the LEPC. Seconded by Simonson. Motion carried.

### **UPDATE LEPC BY-LAWS**

Discussion. Motion by Pufahl to accept the updates as presented. Seconded by Sandow. Motion carried.

### **REVIEW AND DESIGNATION OF LEP INSPECTOR AND HAZMAT RESPONSES**

Discussion. Motion by Simonson to keep the Portage Hazmat team as the designated hazmat response. Seconded by Sievers. Motion carried.

Motion by Sievers to keep the LEPC Inspector in place. Seconded by Haase. Motion carried.

### **LEC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

Discussion. Kathy advised that the LEC now also has an Emergency Response Plan. Each staff member was asked to review and then binders were placed throughout the building for quick access if ever needed.

### **EPCRA REIMBURSEMENTS/EMPG REIMBURSEMENT/HAZMAT GRANT**

Discussion. EPCRA Reimbursement=\$25,751.73 received 03/02/21; EMPG Reimbursement=\$37,226.63 (\$10,381.12 was COVID) received 03/02/21, and Hazmat Grant=\$7,335.79 received 01/29/21.

### **EPCRA Plan Updates / New EPCRA Plans Written**

The following plans were updated since the last meeting: AMPI, EK Machine, Energizer (fka RayOVac), FXI (fka FlexFoam), Grande Cheese, Lakeside Foods, Lodi Canning, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Rhodes Bake n Serv, Seneca, Cardinal Glass. Wingers Farms and Alan Treinen Farm plans were closed. A new plan was written for Research Products. Kathy gave an overview of the planning process for our new members.

### **TRAINING & EXERCISES**

Due to COVID many trainings and exercises were canceled; however, Kathy discussed that some are slowly beginning again. The DARES training and exercise series has picked up again and will be held May 3-4, 2022. Other trainings and exercises completed or upcoming include WEM SEOC exercise, Columbia County Health Care Center Tabletop exercise, and Rhodes Bake n Serve Tabletop exercise. The Grande Cheese tabletop exercise will be held once the new personnel are in and up-to-speed.

### **HAZMAT SPILLS/INCIDENT RESPONSES**

Kathy Johnson advised there were 17 reported spills from the DNR. Most of these were diesel spills from vehicles. Johnson and Klafke spoke about the CP Rail gas leak reported on 07/07/21.

A Shelter in Place was issued. Portage Hazmat and Portage Fire responded. On 07/08/21, CP Rail determined that there was no actual leak, but most likely health issues for the initial reporting party. St. Maurice discussed the crash that occurred on 06/17/21 involving a county highway truck at STH 33 and CTH H.

#### **MEMBER INPUT**

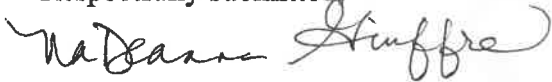
Additional topics discussed: Salmon discussed a possible dumping at the treatment plant where the water went from green to red. Lab and engineers are working on what occurred and BOD levels are being checked. The Village of Pardeeville Emergency Management Guide is done. Sievers advised that Alliant together with MG&E are putting together a best practice guide for gas leaks. Klafke advised that CP Rail has offered training for first responders and mentioned a phone application called ASKRail. This training could perhaps be done at an upcoming Chiefs' meeting. Johnson gave kudos to the Portage Hazmat Team stating Columbia County is happy to have them. They are extremely professional and stated at the most recent leakage emergency, they immediately put ICS into place. TenBarge/Enbridge also commended the Hazmat Team. Sandow stated the Columbus Fire Chief is retiring at the end of July.

#### **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Columbia County LEPC meeting will be held on January 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 East Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Motion to adjourn was made by Simonson, Seconded by Sievers. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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