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Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes Thursday, July 9, 2020

Committee Members Present: Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Clayton Simonson (Portage Fire Department), Paul Nadolski (WDNR), E. Kevin O'Neill (Citizen Member), Diana O'Neill (Red Cross), Sharon Foley (Divine Savior Healthcare), Amy Sandow (Columbus Emergency Management Director), Brad TenBarge (Enbridge), Keith Klafke (Portage Police Department)

Committee Members Present via conference call: Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Suzi Hemler (Portage Community Schools), Dennis Richards (Citizen Member), Amanda Blank (Alliant Energy), Burlie Williams (Red Cross)

Committee Members Absent with Notice: Barry Pufahl (Columbia County Board Supervisor), Roger Brandner (Sheriff), Erin Salmon (Pardeeville DPW Director)

Committee Members Absent: Media Representative from Portage Daily Register, Ken Hutler (Citizen Member), Jon Plumer (State Representative), Susan Lorenz (Columbia County Health Department), Henry St. Maurice

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 E. Cook St. Portage, Wisconsin. A conference call line was set up for members to attend as well.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2020 LEGALLY NOTICED AGENDA

The committee all approved the agenda was legally noticed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 MINUTES

A motion was made by Amy Sandow and seconded by Paul Nadolski to approve the January 2020 LEPC minutes. Motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LEPC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Diana O'Neill – Red Cross Representative - A motion was made by Clayton Simonson and seconded by Keith Klafke to nominate Diana O'Neill to the Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

- Henry St. Maurice – County Board - The Columbia County Board appointed Henry St. Maurice to the LEPC during the new county board supervisor appointments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chairman – The committee all agreed to keep the By-Laws the same that state that the LEPC Chairman will always be the current Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Vice Chair – Keith Klafke made a motion to keep Clayton Simonson as Vice Chair. Amy Sandow seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried unanimously by the committee.
- Recording Secretary/Coordinator of Information – Clayton Simonson made a motion to keep Marie Darling Ellis as Recording Secretary/Coordinator of Information. Paul Nadolski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried unanimously by the committee.
- There was discussion from Portage Fire Chief, Clayton Simonson, that in previous years the Hazmat Coordinator for the Portage Hazmat Tteam was appointed to the LEPC as well. He suggested we do that again. Kevin O’Neill made a motion to nominate Hazmat Coordinator, Craig Ratz to the LEPC. Sharon Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

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

- The only update to the By-Laws was to take out nominating a member to represent at the SERC verbiage on page 1 as there is no SERC. The committee was in favor.
- There was no change to the Designation of LEPC Inspector or the Hazmat Response.

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

Kathy Johnson reported that we have received the 2019 EPCRA Reimbursement of \$26,370.00. Reimbursements are received one time annually for the entire grant amount. We have not received the 2020 EPCRA Grant Reimbursement yet.

EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant) \$ Reimbursement

Kathy Johnson reported we have not received the 2020 EMPG Grant Reimbursements yet this year.

EPCRA Plan Updates / New EPCRA Plans Written

The following seven plans were updated: Blue Beacon Truck Wash, Rhodes Bake-N-Serv, Frontier-Portage, Frontier-Wisconsin Dells, UWGP (United Wisconsin Grain Producers Ethanol Plan), Saint Gobain, Fall River Foundry, Everyday IBA. No new plans have been written and no plans have been closed.

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Chairman Kathy Johnson gave an overview of the training and exercises Emergency Management was involved in which included:

- Governor’s Conference
- DARES (Dells/Delton Area Response Exercise Series) was postponed until September 2021. Planning to continue soon.
- Grande Cheese county-wide full-scale exercise was postponed until 2021.

HAZMAT SPILLS

Chairman Kathy Johnson advised and gave an overview of 17 small hazmat spills reported. No spill responses were billed out.

ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

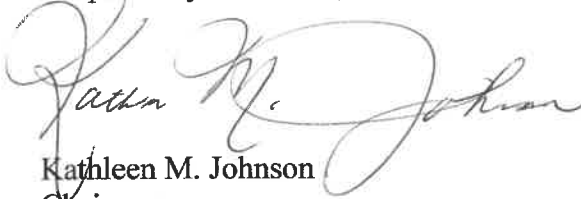
Chairman Kathy Johnson reported that the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Columbia County is currently being updated and nearing the end phase. The plan was approved by the county board and has been submitted to the Wisconsin Emergency Management for approval before sending to FEMA for approval. The plan is due September 2020.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Columbia County LEPC meeting will be held on January 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen M. Johnson
Chairman
Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee