

MINUTES
COLUMBIA COUNTY WISCONSIN LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
JULY 14, 2022

Committee Members Present Bob Koch (Columbia County Emergency Management), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), Ken Hutler (Citizen Member), Steve Rohrbeck (County Board), Keith Miller (County Board), Brad TenBarge (Enbridge), Clayton Simonson (Citizen Member), Diana O'Neil (Citizen Member), Kevin O'Neil (Citizen Member), Erin Salmon (Village of Pardeeville), Amy Sandow (Columbus Emergency Management), Paul Nadolski (WI-DNR), John Plumer (State Assembly), Keith Klafke (Portage PD), and Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy).

The meeting of the Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Koch at 1:31 in the John Roche Community Room at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 East Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2022 LEGALLY NOTICED AGENDA

Committee approved the agenda as it was legally noticed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 MINUTES

Motion by Hutler to approve January 2022 LEPC minutes. Seconded by Hemler. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LEPC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Marie Darling-Ellis - Resignation
- Motion to fill vacant or unassigned positions in the following areas: Transportation, Hospital, EMS. Motion to approve by Hutler. Seconded by Sievers.
- Motion to fill Vice Chair with Keith Klafke. Motion approved by Diane O'Neil, Klafke accepted. Motion carried.
- Motion to hold Secretary until Deputy Columbia County Emergency Manager Spot is filled. Motion was approved by Diane O'Neil. Seconded by Klafke.
- Motion to close nominations. Motion approved by Miller. Seconded by Simonson.

TRAINING & EXERCISE

On October 12th-14th, there will a SIMCON exercise in Janesville and Wisconsin Rapids. This exercise simulates voice and data communication during field operations. The ultimate goal is to improve communications interoperability across first responders, National Guard, and radio operators.

September 29th, 2022, Columbus and Fall River Fire Departments will be having a carbon monoxide exercise simulating an evacuation of a local assisted living facility. This exercise will also test the Prairie Ridge Hospital mass casualty response.

Grande exercise for anhydrous ammonia leak is still in the books but needs a date. The goal is to have it done by the end of September.

Bob Koch completed his National Emergency Management Basic Academy in March.

HAZMAT SPILLS/INCIDENT RESPONSE

Ten reported spills to DNR Hotline, five major fires, and one storm response.

The June 15th storm caused about \$200,000 worth of damage to public facilities and debris clean up. May not make the per capita for the county for reimbursement through the Wisconsin Disaster Fund. To lower the per capita, the municipalities may be eligible even the county is not due to a lower per capita.

There was an ethanol spilled that was contained to the inside of semi's trailer bed that did cause disruption but no runoff. The semi was traveling with five different chemical type when one started to leak. Driver pulled over at the rest stop along I-90/I-94. Driver inhaled enough that he needed to be transported by EMS to the hospital. Other semis were already parked for the night because the incident occurred at around 9:00 pm. The other semi drivers gave some resistance to evacuating due to DOT logs, but they did finally leave. It is estimated 200 gallons of ethanol were leaked.

EPCRA REIMBURSEMENTS/EMPG REIMBURSEMENT/HAZMAT GRANT

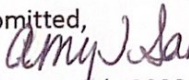
MEMBER INPUT

Discussion about this barrier design which Columbia County is proposing to purpose through American Rescue Act funds. The barriers are easily maneuvered into position and would be for the protection of public events, such as parades. Video was shown displaying the barriers capabilities and ease of operation. The total cost for 72 segments to include the trailer for hauling is \$160,000.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Columbia County LEPC meeting will be held January 12th, 2023 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 Steve Rohrbeck. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J Sandow 
Temporary Secretary - July 2022