

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

03/07/2012

The St. Croix County (SCC) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Larson at 1:00 P.M. and held at the SCC Government Center, Community Room in Hudson.

Roll Call by Janet Smith, a quorum was met

Present: Roger Larson (County Board), Kristen Sailer(SCC-EM), Casey Swetlik (SCC-ESS), Karen Meyer, (County Board), Ed Thurman (SCC-PH), Janet Smith (SCC-ESS), Jill Ellestad (Phillips Plastics), Mike Koscinski (Union Pacific Railroad), Terry Andersen (SCC-EC), Jan Nelson (Woodville), Daryl Standafer (County Board), Chuck Mehls (New Richmond EM), David Ostness (Community Group), Jeff Klatt (Sheriff's Office), Jon Aubart (River Falls PD), James Krizan (SCC-HWY), Doug Briggs (Somerset PD), Margret Ontl(Star-Observer), Eric Nikolai (ARC), Bob Olson (ARC), Duana Bremer (Salvation Army)

Also Present: Patrick Thompson (SCC-ADMIN), Ray Morris (SCC-EM)

Absent: Fred Horne, Joe Hurtgen, Steve Hermsen, Robert Shearer, Hendryk Sowa, Jim Vanderwyst, Matt Melby, Ruth Talford, MaryEllen Bol (excused)

Minutes of 12/01/11 meeting were approved on a Ostness/Klatt motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 6, 2012 1:00 P.M. at the Government Center, Community Room

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW & APPROVAL: Smith reported we have a vacancy with the resignation of Rich Haider. Mehls will ask Sue Timm about representing hospitals on the LEPC. Sailer introduced Ray Morris, Emergency Preparedness Program Specialist.

PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE: Aubart, representing the Planning subcommittee recommends approval of the six facility plans and the County-wide Strategic Plan. The plans which have been reviewed by the subcommittee are; County-wide Strategic Plan, GM Plant 3-Hudson, Verizon-Hudson, Wastewater Plant – New Richmond, Ameritech-Houlton, Precision Ag-4 Corners-New Richmond and Mills Fleet Farm-Hudson. This is the final plan for the New Richmond Waste Water facility. All chemicals have been removed and they have switched over to an ultra-violet purification system. Sailer walked committee through the overview handouts. Motion by Aubart/Ostness to approve the six off-site facility Plans. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Aubart/Klatt to forward the County-wide Strategic plan to the Public Protection Committee who can then send to Full County Board. Motion carried unanimously

HAZMAT TRAINING GRANTS: Smith reported HAZMAT training courses are being held regularly and the department continues to receive applications for course funding.

COUNTY WIDE ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN STEERING: Chris Straight from the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC). Per federal law (Federal Mitigation Act 2000) the plan must encompass the natural hazards which are most at risk for the community. Last plan also included hazardous material spills, nuclear accident, and pandemic flu. For this plan a survey of the members was conducted in December. Straight handed out the results from the Hazards Risk & Vulnerability survey. Sailer suggested adding school related terrorism (Domestic) and Extreme Heat into the plan. Morris noted the absence of cyber terrorism in the survey. Discussion

Motion by Swetlik/Mehls that the Mitigation plan update incorporates the domestic terrorism (school related) and extreme heat threats. If funding is available, investigate local tangible benefits of possible inclusion of cyber terrorism into the mitigation plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Meetings with towns, cities and villages have begun. Meetings are also in progress with different stakeholders. Interviews are held via telephone or face to face. Interviews should be finished within the next 30 days. The interviews are conducted to determine changes/updates needed in the new mitigation plan.

Draft strategies and an amended survey will be sent to members and the results will be available for the June 6th meeting.

COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sailer has been in contact with the Precision Ag facility regarding perhaps giving a presentation at a future LEPC meeting and hosting a Hazardous material exercise.

Sailer mentioned the February 27th tanker fire on I-94. The tanker contained approx. 7500 gallons of fuel. The Roberts/Warren fire Chief has agreed to attend the June LEPC meeting to discuss the incident. Jim Krizan explained the County Highway's role in getting the road surface repaired enough for traffic. Sailer explained the charge of the LEPC is to help recover costs from the responding agencies from the responsible party. At this time the Roberts/Warren fire department does not require our assistance.

No further committee or public comments.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larson at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Smith, LEPC Secretary