

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Local Emergency Planning Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Hentges at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Hentges, Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Mr. Leif Tolokken, Mr. Kelly Johnston, Mr. David Brommerich, Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Mr. Mike Taylor, Ms. Roxann Halverson, and Ms. April Loeffler.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Ms. Loeffler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Public Comments: The election of officers was discussed. A review of by-laws showed this happens on odd numbered years.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. 2019 was under budget, which in effect reduces the amount of reimbursement from the grant. The EPCRA grant was reviewed. Expenditures are in line for this time of year. Sheriff Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Spill Report: No spills to report at this time.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Potential Contract with Menomonie Fire Dept. for Level "B" Hazmat Response: Mr. Fuerbringer explained the history of the Hazmat Response team. There was a verbal understanding that each county is to have a team or contract with a team, but the statutes do not address this. Mr. Fuerbringer looked into contracting with Eau Claire County, but the expense was too great. Menomonie is still willing to work with us as they are working with Pepin County. It was decided to leave this as is for now and discuss at future meetings.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding AlertSense Upgrade and Possible Subscription Funding through EPCRA Grant: AlertSense was upgraded last year to include citizen participation. Mr. Fuerbringer is working on an article for the newspaper to inform citizens how to sign up for AlertSense. There are other counties that write this expense into their EPCRA grant. Mr. Taylor made a motion to amend the EPCRA grant to include this expense, seconded by Ms. Loeffler. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Emergency Management Directors Report: Mr. Fuerbringer indicated the ICS300 training was successful and they will be doing

more trainings this year. MRRPC is working on updating the mitigation plan. The command center trailer has been sold as it was not being utilized. These funds will go back into the Emergency Management contingency fund. These funds could possibly be used to obtain more AED machines for the courthouse or Highway department.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding LEPC Member Reports: The address sign installation delay was discussed.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Chair Report: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be August 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m., seconded by Ms. Loeffler. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk