

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Local Emergency Planning Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Date of Filing: Monday, November 18, 2019

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, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Leif Tolokken, Mr. Kelly Johnston, Mr. David Brommerich, Mr. Mike Schmidtknecht, Mr. Mike Taylor, Mr. Jason Poser, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. April Loeffler, and Mr. Dave Rynders (arrived at 2:15 p.m.).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A change to the previous minutes is to remove Ms. Loeffler from being in attendance. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Financial Report: The budget shows that it is 82% expended with 83% of the year having passed. Mr. Fuerbringer does not foresee any significant expenditures in the remaining portion of the year. Mr. Tolokken made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Rules of Order: The Committee discussed the number of meetings held each year and the statute requirement of one meeting per year. Mr. Poser made a motion to have a meeting on the third Thursday in January and August at 2:00 p.m. with elections taking place in January, seconded by Ms. Burmeister. Carried. Ms. Hansen made a motion to approve the amended Rules of Order, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Spill Response Policy: There has been no changes made to the policy as previously approved. The Committee discussed how billing for spills has been handled. Mr. Taylor made a motion to continue with this policy, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Spill Report: There were no spills reported since July.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Designation of State as LEPC Compliance Inspector: This is an annual requirement. Mr. Brommerich made a motion to approve the State as the LEPC Compliance Inspector, seconded by Mr. Poser. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: This plan is on a four year cycle and last approved in 2016. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) helped with the last plan and is willing to help with this plan as well. Ms. Hansen made a motion to have MRRPC and Mr. Fuerbringer work together to update the plan, seconded by Mr. Brommerich. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Emergency Management Directors Report: Mr. Fuerbringer highlighted meetings and trainings he has attended since the last meeting. He also discussed the expansion of AlertSense to the public to keep them informed of road closures, weather events, and other emergencies in the county. The Hazmat proposal with Menomonie Fire Department is on hold. At this time if there is an incident a regional team will be dispatched.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding LEPC Member Reports: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be January 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk