

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2011

La Crosse County Administrative Center
400 4th Street North, Room 3220
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Butler, Phil Niemer, Lois Losby, Ron Berg, Mike Horstman, Marc Schultz, Gregg Cleveland, Jennifer Shilling, Pat Smith, Franz Fredricks, and Sue Kunz.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Wright, Keith Carlson, Vicki Burke and Jay Loeffler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shari Vanderbush

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Nichols, La Crosse County Solid Waste Department; Jadd Stilwell, La Crosse County Solid Waste Department; Anthony Everette, Utility Safety & Design Inc.; Jamie Harmon-Abbott, American Red Cross; Bob Ritger, HRSA Regional 4 Consortia and Kara Pennoyer, Jennifer Shilling's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Marc Schultz, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Losby/Schultz to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2011. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Introductions were made around the table on behalf of the guests.

PIPELINE INFORMATION/PRESENTATION BY SOLID WASTE AND USDI

Nick Nichols, Jadd Stillwell, Anthony Everette explained what the Landfill Gas to Energy Project is. La Crosse County Solid Waste Department and Gundersen Lutheran are working together to beneficially use landfill gas being generated at the La Crosse County Landfill. Construction is almost complete and about to go on-line. Solid Waste department is working on an Emergency Plan and it will be completed before the pipeline is activated. They would like to come to the LEPC Meeting once a year to update the group.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING PREPARATION

Voting for group 2 members include law enforcement, health, hospital, broadcast and print media, and facilities subject to EPCRA. With the retirement of Bob Mulliner, Trane Company does not have a representative on the Committee. Keith Butler is trying to locate his

replacement and ask if he would like to be on the Committee. Ron is not sure he's going to be here next year but he will look for someone else to take his place. He will keep Keith updated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jamie at the Red Cross says everything is going along smoothly. It's been very quiet.

State Hospital Program & Public Health Preparedness and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) are working together to standardize hazard vulnerability assessments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Discussion on funding for the Hazmat Team was held. Support was offered as needed.

The National Emergency Alert System Test on November 9th went well locally. Wisconsin is ahead of the curve and if need be, we could get the message out.

The county moved to pass the harbor and waterfront plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Voting in January for Group 2

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Kim Olson, Recorder