

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18, 2012

La Crosse County Law Enforcement Center
333 Vine Street, Room 1615
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Butler, Lois Losby, Phil Niemer, Gregg Cleveland, Bob Ritger representing Jennifer Shilling, Tom Wright, Mike Horstman, Vicki Burke, and Brenda Hanson representing Ron Berg

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shari Vanderbush, Ron Berg, Keith Carlson, Marc Schultz, Pat Smith and Jay Loeffler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Kunz and Franz Fredricks

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Thinnes, Trane Company and Greg Fonstad, Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Keith Butler, Emergency Management Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Losby/Burke to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2011. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Keith introduced Steve Thinnes who will be attending our meetings as the Trane Company representative. He is replacing Bob Mulliner who retired.

HAZMAT TEAM STATUS

Gregg reported since the last meeting WEM has appointed another committee to look at the issue. They have been discussing back and forth as to what the merits are of these teams. They met yesterday to discuss these issues and made another proposal and ideas to WEM. But this may be unnecessary because WEM said it has been decided. Kwik Trip has taken a huge interest in this as they are very concerned from the private industry point of view. Right now the teams would respond as they had in the past.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING FOR GROUP

Motion by Losby/Wright to reaffirm the existing slate of membership, including appointment of Steve Thinnes. **MOTION** Carried.

Motion by Losby/Cleveland to reaffirm the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair to remain as is. **MOTION** Carried.

REVIEW OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The plan needs updating in 2012. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission will be doing the updating. An assessment is done with every hazard in the county. A survey is sent out to all municipalities to rank their hazards. They will also be required to review their portion of the plan to update. Map and inventory critical facilities including telephone numbers will be included. FEMA & State does provide some funding for updating of this plan. They want to get this project done by November 14, 2012. They will do all the quarterly reports as required. Keith will ask LEPC if the members would review a mitigation action plan from a municipality and if they wish to do so, contact Keith. Keith will get a copy of the plan to Phil as he requested. This is a natural hazard plan but man-made events can be added if wanted. Discussion took place. This is a separate Funding Pool, not tied in to any other project such as a recovery plan.

REVIEW OF KWIK TRIP EXERCISE BEING HELD ON 1/25/12

LEPC members are all invited if interested to attend this table-top exercise from about 1 – 4:30 pm at the Kwik Trip Distribution Center. This was planned because of the expansion and additions taking place. Kwik Trip has responders at the lowest level but not a Hazmat Response Team. They will be exercising their emergency plan with different scenarios being tested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vigilant Guard exercise will be held on January 25, 2012. The hospitals are involved as a receiving facility. They will have paper patients.

Flood meeting in January is cancelled, next one in February & March as the regular meetings. No flood outlook at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Hazmat Team Update

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

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

Kim Olson, Recorder