

**ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Full LEPC Membership – Minutes

July 21, 2020

Members Present:

Supervisor Mary Beaver, Captain Curt Fell, Terry Sheridan, Rick Wietersen, Dave Botts, Bob Swenarski, Patti Miller, Bob Wildermuth, Jay Gasser, Gary Schenk, Todd Lambert, Jacob Taylor, Todd Bolen, Ken Hoffman, Craig Thiesenhusen, Sharon Rateike, Norm Tadt, Captain Mark Thompson, Joe Christensen, Catherine Kolb, Jason Daskum

Guests:

Tammy Kettleson (RCSO-EM), Jared Hergert (Rock County Public Health), Josh Shere (Rock County Public Health)

Call to Order:

Chair Robert Swenarski called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:01 AM via Zoom conference call.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Patti Miller and seconded by Sgt. Shena Kohler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Patti Miller and seconded by Jay Gasser to approve the minutes from January 21, 2020. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Jay Gasser brought forward the following positions for renewals/appointment: Robert Swenarski, Patti Miller, Lt. Jason Daskam (replacing retiring Lt. Ron Sagan), and Robert Wildermuth. Gary Schenck declined renewal, leaving his position vacant. Motion to approve renewals/appointments by Ron Sagan, seconded by Dave Botts to present these nominations to the Rock County Board for final approval. Sgt. Shena welcomed Supervisor Mary Beaver and Supervisor Jacob Taylor who are the new LEPC representation for the Rock County Board.

Emergency Management Reports

Current Events

Sgt. Shena Kohler reported on the following: due to the pandemic, LEPC meetings will be facilitated via ZOOM for the remainder of 2020; the EOC has been activated since March 12th, 2020; the EOC is planning to facilitate a call for emergency responders; the isolation shelter at the Rock County fairgrounds is still set up and available if needed; and she will be working on after action report soon. She also reported that transferring of the County Emergency Operations Plan from annexes to emergency support functions have been postponed.

Budget Report

The budget report was provided. Sgt. Shena Kohler reported very little spending due to the pandemic.

Spill Report:

The spill report was provided. No discussion.

Training:

Sgt. Shena Kohler announced the state is looking at making some training available via virtual means, but at this time, there is no current trainings scheduled through the end of the year.

Public Health:

Rick Wietersen reported public health has remained extremely busy due to the pandemic since March. COVID data metrics have showed an increase in cases lately. The county is currently in phase II and looks to remain there for the time being. Rick also discussed that for the Plan of Review, public health updated offsite plans- 3 updates and 1 removal. Bob Wildermuth made a motion to accept those plans and forward onto the state seconded by Lt. Ron Sagen.

Hazmat Team:

Lieutenant Ron Sagen announce his retirement effective August 4th, 2020. Lieutenant Jason Daskam has been appointed to take his position as the hazmat leader. The team has obtained some new identification equipment that training will take place for.

Facility Input:

Jay Gasser from Abitec discussed how beneficial the communication and critical infrastructure testing have been throughout this pandemic for their facility. Sgt. Shena Kohler discussed with Jay the possibility to do facility-wide testing if needed through the help from the state.

Bob Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital- Janesville echoed Jay's statements and reported that has a mid-stream after action report that he is willing to share.

Catherine Kolb from SHINE Medical Technologies reported they have been mainly working from home and thanked Sgt. Kohler for helping with testing.

Public Input:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Next Meeting:

The next LEPC meeting will be held September 15, 2020 via Zoom conference call.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lt. Ron Sagen and seconded by Sgt. Shena Kohler. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.