

ROCK COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 17, 2011 - Minutes

Gary Schenck, Chair, called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:00 AM at the Rock County Health Care Center EOC room

Members present: Gary Schenck, Steve Benton, David Diestler, Shirley Connors, Kyle Geissler, Tim Curtis, Ron Sagen, Jay Gasser, David Innis, Karen Cain, Randy Leyes, Loren Lippincott, Randy Thompson, Robert Wildermuth, Dan Davis, John Conger

Members Absent: Beth Natter, Jude Maurer, Dave Ausloos, Bridget Aldridge, Jerry Schuetz, Matt Simon

Adoption of Agenda: Motion made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Steve Benton to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Randy Thompson and seconded by Tim Curtis to approve the minutes from March 17, 2011. Motion carried.

Presentation: Jay Hunt, Inspector for the Department of Homeland Security, presented information on their inspection process for 78 facilities in southern Wisconsin. Mr. Hunt stated the EPA deals with safety issues and his office oversees security concerns. He noted that water facilities were not on the Homeland Security inspection program.

Committee Reports:

Plan of Review – Five plans were reviewed. Three plans needed minor revisions. Motion was made to approve all five plans as revised by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Robert Wildermuth. Motion carried.

Community Right-to-know – Ron Sagen reported the Tier II reporting should be presented at the next Fire Officers meeting.

Membership – Jay Gasser reported that Kathleen Hosely would be the new replacement for David Diestler as the American Red Cross representative on the LEPC. Motion by Jay Gasser and seconded by Loren Lippincott. Motion carried. Final approval to be presented to the County Board.

Emergency Management Report:

Budget Report – Shirley Connors distributed the budget report. She stated that grant funding did increase some this year, but would decrease next year.

Spill Report – Shirley Connors

The committee reviewed the Spill Report. She stated that a spill on 3/23/11 was a rather large spill and if anyone had any information on the responsible party, to contact her. Ron Sagen stated he would look into the matter and find information on the vehicle owner.

Also, Mr. Sagen discussed with the committee problems with the new regulations and who has final responsibility to dispose of an unknown spill. It was further discussed about a large oil spill on a recent spill of 5/16/11 and the difficulties with determining which agency has final responsibility for disposal and cost of the spill. Topic to be further discussed at a future meeting.

Tier Reporting – None

Training - Gary Schenck and Shirley Connors attended the Midwest Emergency Management Conference in Rockford, IL. Gary stated it was an excellent conference and included a tabletop exercise on a well-known waste facility fire/ chemical disaster.

Shirley Connors stated Blackhawk Technical College is offering several NIMS training classes in June. Mr. Sagen acknowledged there would be HazMat training on July 26, 2011 and space would be limited.

Public Health – Karen Cain

Karen stated that the Drug Round Up on April 30, 2011, collected over 595 lbs. of unwanted medications. Two Hundred Fifty pounds were sent to a Sun Prairie, WI facility for disposal at no charge to Rock County. Several municipalities have or will be offering 24/ 7 secure drop off boxes for medications. Milton and Beloit currently offer this service. Janesville and Edgerton will begin to offer this service in the near future. She confirmed a planning and preparedness training course through Wisconsin Emergency Management would be offered on June 16, 2011 at the EOC.

Old Business – None

New Business - Gary Schenck

The LEPC By-Laws were brought in front of the committee for their annual review. No changes were suggested. Motion made to approve the current by-laws as published by Tim Curtis and seconded by Robert Wildermuth. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next LEPC meeting will be held on July 19, 2011. It was noted that annual elections will be conducted at the meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Steve Benton and seconded by Loren Lippincott to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
David Diestler