

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 19, 2016 - Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:01 AM at the Emergency Operations Center in the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members Present: Chair Gary Schenck, Norvain Pleasant, Jay Gasser, Tim Banwell, Virginia Purvis, Tim Banwell, Lt. Brad Altman, Sondra Klipp, Commander Troy Knudson, Robert Swenarski, Robert Wildermuth, R. Scott Running, Chief Loren Lippincott, Steve Benton, Jay Gasser, and David Botts.

Members Absent: David Ausloos, Dick Mellom, Noel Sandoval, Rick Richard, Steve Benton, DC Jim Holford, Chris Walsh and Sgt. Shena Kohler.

Guests: Jennifer Spenner – Evonik and Jeff Bartelme – Shine Medical Technologies.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Norvain Pleasant and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Chief Loren Lippincott and seconded by Virginia Purvis to approve the minutes from September 15, 2015. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Plan of Review – There was no Plan of Review meeting for January but there will be a meeting scheduled for March. Nothing to report.

Community Right-to-Know – Lt. Ron Sagen was not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Plan of Work – Sgt. Shena Kohler was not in attendance and Plan of Work committee did not meet. Beth Kline announced that the plan of work is on track for the new year and there will be a plan of review meeting scheduled prior to the LEPC meeting in March.

Membership – Beth Kline stated that there was still a vacancy for a media member and nothing further to report.

Budget – Beth Kline announced that the budget was approved and an official report was made available to attendees. The 2015 training budget has been lowered by \$500. This was added to the 2016 Hazmat disposables budget to be further discussed at a later LEPC meeting, to possibly be used to re-stock the disposable supplies for the decon trailer's in Milton and Beloit.

Spill Report - Spill reports were distributed. Lt. Altman asked if anyone knew more about the General Motors plant. Chair Schenck said that there was no information besides what had been reported via the news and that DNR would be responsible for monitoring the situation. Lt. Altman responded that LEPC should have some information at the ready in the case that someone makes a request for information, as part of the community right to know. R. Scott Running responded that spillers are required to place testing wells around the area of the spill to monitor potential contamination. Chair

Schenck suggested that LEPC should request an official report from the DNR regarding the General Motor's site.

Training – Beth Kline stated that there would be a community leader's breakfast held at the Milton campus for Blackhawk Technical College on February 4, 2016. Those who would like to attend need to RSVP.

The 2016 Governor's conference is available for all LEPC members to attend. LEPC will cover your registration fee if you register by January 31, 2016. LEPC members can use a charge card or forward the invoice to Sgt. Kohler (in order to pay WEM directly). Either way is fine but Sgt. Kohler will need an invoice for LEPC's records.

The Hazard Mitigation plan will be ready in draft form sometime in February. Local municipalities will need to review the plan before the final printing. Sgt. Kohler's extends her thanks to all who assisted thus far.

Public Health – Tim Banwell reported the St. Lawrence property (former meth lab site) is still being looked at for future occupant safety. After the chemicals had been removed, Public Health checked the property for stains and any places that could harbor chemicals or chemical residue. The landlord has gutted the residence and has been advised by Public Health to remove/replace the tile flooring, countertops, refrigerator and oven. Other measures taken were to wash all of the walls and seal them with new paint, as well as, run the water for several hours to flush out any remaining chemicals in the plumbing. Dave Botts suggested that the traps and sewer laterals be flushed out.

Tim Banwell stated that the flu season for Wisconsin has been slight due to the milder winter weather.

Committee Updates - Nothing to Report.

Public Input – Chair Gary Schenck asked Jeff Bartelme to give an update on Shine Medical Technologies. Jeff Bartelme stated that Shine has had their mandatory hearing with the regulatory commissioner, at which all the pre-hearing and post-hearing questions were answered. They closed the record from there and are expecting to receive the construction permit some time in February. Assuming the permit is granted next month from the NRC, there are still a few design decisions being made regarding the system. However, once this is complete and permits have been received, construction will start as soon as possible.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – Commander Troy Knudson gave a brief update of the ice jam near Afton. The gauge at Afton is reading slightly lower than the peak registered during last week's cold snap, slightly over 9 ft. The three houses affected last time are not as badly affected at this time but concern remains for farther north of the Christiansen Rd. and Happy Hollow Park areas, particularly near River Rd.

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held March 15, 2016 at Rock County Health Care Center EOC.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Norvain Pleasant and seconded by Robert Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Kline