

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 21, 2015 - Minutes

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

Members Present: Vice Chair Lieutenant Ron Sagen, Norvain Pleasant, Chair Gary Schenck, Rick Richard, Chief Loren Lippincott, DC Jim Holford, Jay Gasser, Robert Swenarski, Chris Walsh, David Botts, Dick Mellom, Tim Banwell and Lisa Tollefson.

Members Absent:, Steve Benton, Robert Wildermuth, Virginia Purvis, David Ausloos, Noel Sandoval, Sgt. Shena Kohler and Lieutenant Brad Altman

Guests: Rick Wietersen – Rock County Public Health

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Norvain Pleasant and seconded by Chief Loren Lippincott to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Chief Loren Lippincott and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the minutes from March 17, 2015. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Plan of Review - Chief Lippincott advised there was a Plan of Review subcommittee meeting prior to the LEPC meeting. The subcommittee reviewed and approved. Some minor updates will be done by Rick Wietersen prior to submittal to state. Motion was made by Chief Loren Lippincott and seconded by Robert Swenarski to accept the plans and forward to Wisconsin Emergency Management (with minor changes completed). Motion carried.

Community Right-to-Know – Lt. Ron Sagen stated that there has been no activity and nothing to report.

Plan of Work - Sergeant Kohler was not in attendance. Beth Kline reported that work continues to be done on the annexes as well as updating the Janesville Mass Evacuation plan. Additionally, the pre-disaster mitigation planning has been going well and the workgroup has had good participation thus far. Annexes are on track to be updated for submittal by the end of September and the All Hazards Mitigation Plan should be completed by the end of this year.

Membership – Jay Gasser announced all members who were up for renewal accepted their renewal. These renewals were: Dick Mellom - facility, Dave Ausloos - facility, Norvain Pleasant – elected local official, Rick Richard – elected local official and Sgt. Shena Kohler – Rock County Sheriff's Office. New members up for election were announced as DC Jim Holford – Public Safety and Noel Sandoval – Public Health & Environmental Health. Motion made by Jay Gasser to re-appoint the members up for renewal and Robert Swenarski seconded. Jay Gasser moved to appoint the new members and Lt. Ron Sagen seconded. Lt. Sagen stated that someone from Morgan Corp. was interested in becoming an LEPC member. He stated the interested party had previous experience in his last position and was looking to become involved in the Rock County LEPC. Chair Gary Schenck advised that Lt. Sagen should send an e-mail to Sgt. Kohler and CC: Beth Kline on the person's information and interest to have it in writing.

Jay Gasser stated that LEPC could have as many facility members as it wanted but Chair Schenck advised that there may need to be a resolution but would move forward with counsel advisement after an e-mail was received (something in writing stating interest).

Budget – In Sgt. Kohler's absence, there was no review of the budget.

Spill Report - Spill reports were distributed for the last two periods, as there was no quorum when LEPC last met. There were no questions.

Training – No new training announcements.

Public Health – Tim Banwell spoke on surface water quality. With the large amounts of rain there has been a spike in E.coli and higher amounts of blue-green algae from run-off of rural and urban areas. Blue-green algae is of concern because it can cause some neurological problems (mostly if ingested). It is a neuro-toxin. Pets are very susceptible to it and it has caused death in dogs in particular because of ingestion. There have been no beach closings due to E.coli or blue-green algae so far this season. There have been warnings posted because of higher amounts of E.coli on a few of the beaches (only for a couple of days – the water is tested every couple of days). Chief Loren Lippincott requested that Public Health notify Fire and EMS if they will be posting any warnings or instituting closures due to surface water contaminations.

Committee Updates - Nothing to Report.

Public Input – Nothing to Report.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – None at this time.

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held September 21, 2015 at the Rock County Health Care Center, Emergency Operations Center.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Chris Walsh and seconded by Robert Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Kline

Materials distributed at this meeting were:
1. Spill Report