



MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Present: Robin Leary, Benjamin Frederick, Darrell Christy, Jack Running, Don Henning, Steve Vargo, Marisa Stanley, Robert King, Frank Neibauer, Thomas Lochner

Absent: Nathan Otto, Jason Knecht, Jamie Burkhardt, Diane Hunter, James Hager

Others: Tyler Esh, Sam Simmons – Committee Clerk

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Christy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was noticed.

Roll Call

The roll was called by the clerk, and it is noted above under present. A quorum was confirmed.

Election of LEPC Vice Chair

Chair Christy opened nominations for Vice Chair of the LEPC. Don Henning nominated Frank Neibauer as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Chair Christy closed nominations. Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Supervisor Leary to elect Frank Neibauer as Vice Chair of the LEPC. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from September 16, 2021 with no deletions, additions, or corrections. Robert King asked about the Menards facility discussion from the meeting.

Review/Approval of 2022 Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan

Tyler Esh, Emergency Management Coordinator, outlined the Plan to the Committee. No changes were added to the plan for 2022 with the exception of the four attachments. Sam Simmons, Emergency Management Program Assistant, noted the addition of two planning facilities. Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Robert King, to approve the 2022 Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan with no deletions, additions, or corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of LEPC Bylaws

Tyler Esh noted that the LEPC Bylaws have not changed in several years. However, Emergency Management staff found that the Bylaws state that a quorum for an LEPC meeting is 50% of members present, rather than 50% plus one present. Motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Frank Neibauer to approve the LEPC Bylaws. All in favor, motion carried.

LEPC Compliance Inspector Designation for FFY 2022

Tyler Esh noted that each fiscal year, the LEPC must designate a Compliance Inspector for EPCRA planning. Historically, this has been assigned to Wisconsin Emergency Management. Motion by Don Henning, seconded by Robert King to designate Wisconsin Emergency Management as the LEPC Compliance Inspector for FFY 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Off-Site Emergency Response Plans

a. Diversey, Inc

Sam Simmons informed the Committee that Diversey, Inc staff updated their off-site plan with the only changes being contact information. Mr. Simmons also noted that the facility has their own internal emergency response plan which is included as an appendix. No other changes were noted. Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Supervisor Leary to approve the Diversey, Inc. Off-Site Emergency Response Plan with no deletions, additions, or corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Management Updates

Tyler Esh updated the Committee on the following items regarding Emergency Management:

- Beginning in January 2022, Emergency Management now has two full-time staff. This prompted a change to the County Code to designate the Director of Eau Claire County Planning & Development as the number three Emergency Management staff in the event both staff are unavailable. The update has been approved by the County Board.
- There are several upcoming trainings being held, including a class for local elected leaders. The Committee is encouraged to contact Emergency Management staff if interested in these trainings.
- In August, a full-scale emergency exercise will be held at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport. This scenario will involve a simulated gas leak with injuries. Robert King, Mayo Clinic Emergency Management, would like to participate.
- Emergency Management will have a new Emergency Operations Center in the new County Highway facility. Staff plans to hold an exercise simulating a long-term power outage at the new facility in late 2022 or early 2023.
- Emergency Management staff continues to work with new officials in the area, including the new Police and Fire chiefs for the Village of Fall Creek.
- The first flood outlook issued by the National Weather Service for Spring 2022 shows a minimal chance of significant flooding for Eau Claire County.

Local Hazardous Materials Spill Response Team Report

Steve Vargo, City of Eau Claire Fire Department updated the Committee on the latest hazardous materials incidents:

- There have been 108 total incidents since September 2021.
- 20 events were CO related.
- 31 events were gas leaks, this is up from typical gas leak numbers.
- 10 events were gasoline related.
- 8 events were hazmat related.
- 5 events were oil or other chemical spill.
- 9 events were classified as "other".

Appointment/Reappointments to the LEPC

a. **Nathan Otto (Replacing Ray Henning)**

This agenda item was addressed after the Public Comment period at the request of the Chair. Chair Christy welcomed County Board Supervisor Nathan Otto as the newest member of the LEPC. Supervisor Otto was not present at the meeting for comment.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed on the next meeting to be held in either May or June of 2022 on a date to be determined. Sam Simmons mentioned that the new County Sulfuric Acid Battery plan, along with other off-site response plans, should be ready for review at that time.

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Marisa Stanley to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Simmons".

Sam Simmons – Clerk, Local Emergency Planning Committee