



MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
Eau Claire County Government Center
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire • Room 3312

Present: Kyle Johnson, Katherine Schneider, Darrell Christy, Jason Knecht, Jack Running, Matthew Jaggar, Jamie Burkhardt, Marisa Stanley, Robert King, Frank Neibauer, Thomas Lochner

Absent: Benjamin Frederick, Don Henning, 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.

Public Comment

None.

Election of LEPC Chair

Chair Christy opened nominations for Chair of the LEPC. Jason Knecht nominated Darrell Christy as Chair. No other nominations were made. Chair Christy closed nominations. Motion by Jason Knecht, seconded by Thomas Lochner to elect Darrell Christy as Chair of the LEPC. All in favor, motion carried.

Election of LEPC Vice Chair

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

Appointment of LEPC Clerk

Chair Christy appointed Sam Simmons as Clerk of the LEPC.

Appointment/Reappointments to the LEPC

Tyler Esh, Emergency Management Coordinator, noted the reappointments to the LEPC and the appointments of Katherine Schneider, Kyle Johnson, and Matthew Jaggar to the LEPC.

Review/Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from February 17, 2022 with no deletions, additions, or corrections. Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Frank Neibauer to approve the February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of 2022 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan

Sam Simmons, Emergency Management Program Assistant, outlined the Plan to the Committee. This plan is a new initiative by the State to consolidate off-site planning efforts for facilities with Sulfuric Acid in batteries as their only extremely hazardous substance. This plan contains appendices for seven facilities, and facilities will alternate based on the County planning cycle.

Supervisor Schneider inquired about how the plan will be enforced. Mr. Esh explained that Wisconsin Emergency Management is the designated compliance inspector and can make enforcements. Jamie Burkhardt, of the City of Eau Claire Fire Department, mentioned that OSHA is required to inspect as well. Motion by Thomas Lochner, seconded by Matthew Jaggar, to approve the 2022 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan with no deletions, additions, or corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Off-Site Emergency Response Plans

a. Airgas USA, LLC

Mr. Simmons informed the Committee that Airgas USA is a facility with Ammonia as their only extremely hazardous substance. After facility review, there were no changes in this plan update. Thomas Lochner noted a typo on a wind speed number within the plan. Mr. Simmons will correct the typo. Motion by Thomas Lochner, seconded by Jack Running to approve the Airgas USA, LLC Off-Site Emergency Response Plan with the typo correction. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Curt Group

Mr. Simmons informed the Committee that Curt Group is a facility with Hydrogen Fluoride and Sulfuric Acid as their extremely hazardous substances. The amount of Hydrogen Fluoride increased about 200 pounds, leading to a 1.5-mile evacuation radius from 1 mile. There were also changes to the facility contacts. Motion by Matthew Jaggar, seconded by Marisa Stanley to approve the Curt Group Off-Site Emergency Response Plan with no deletions, additions, or corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Management Updates

Mr. Esh updated the Committee on the following items regarding Emergency Management:

- Emergency Management has held several trainings this Spring, including ICS 300, PIO, Skywarn Weather Spotter, and Stop the Bleed.
- Emergency Management assisted with a train derailment in Altoona and the Chippewa Valley Air Show.
- Staff met with County Board members on May 17, 2022 and presented to the annual Badger Boys State event.
- Mr. Esh is the regional representative for the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association and is on the Public Information subcommittee. Mr. Simmons is on the WebEOC subcommittee and on a County Employee Input Workgroup.
- Eau Claire County was recognized as a StormReady community at the March 15, 2022 County Board meeting.
- FEMA is developing an Integrated Preparedness Program (IPP). The LEPC will take a more oversight role to Emergency Management. Through this they will help with the creation of the Eau Claire County IPP.

Local Hazardous Materials Spill Response Team Report

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

- Overall incidents since February 2022 have been lower than usual.
- 23 events were CO related.
- 23 events were related to natural gas.
- 2 events were miscellaneous.
- There were no significant events.

Chair Christy mentioned a fertilizer truck that tipped over in the Town of Washington on May 17, 2022. No elevated response was needed for the incident. He also noted that most CO calls are typically false alarms.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed on the next meeting to be held in September 2022 on a date to be determined. At this meeting the new County EOC, Airport Exercise, and the Integrated Preparedness Program will be discussed.

Adjourn

Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Robert King to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sam Simmons – Clerk, Local Emergency Planning Committee