



MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Present: Kyle Johnson, Darrell Christy, Dustin Walters, Jamie Burkhardt, Marisa Stanley, Robert King, Frank Neibauer, Thomas Lochner

Vacant: Media Representative

Absent: Katherine Schneider, Benjamin Frederick, Jason Knecht, Jack Running, Matt Jagger, Diane Hunter, James Hager

Others: Tyler Esh, Valerie Desio – Committee Clerk, Sgt. Bridget Coit – ECPD, Joan Miller and Samantha Jensen – Ready Team-CV, Joe Kalscheur – Health Department

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 Chair

Darrell Christy opened nominations for Chair of the LEPC. Frank Neibauer nominated Darrell Christy as Chair. No other nominations were made. Darrell Christy closed nominations. Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Jamie Burkhardt to re-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. Thomas Lochner nominated Frank Neibauer as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Chair Christy closed nominations. Motion by Thomas Lochner, seconded by Jamie Burkhardt to re-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 February 9, 2023, with one correction to the spelling of a name. Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Thomas Lochner to approve the February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes with correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of 2023 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan

Valerie Desio, Emergency Management Program Assistant, outlined the Plan to the Committee. This year's plan continues work started last year to consolidate off-site planning efforts for facilities with Sulfuric Acid in batteries as their only extremely hazardous substance. The plan contains appendices for an additional five facilities moving over to this plan.

Thomas Lochner made a request for a better facility map for the Silver Spring Foods appendix. Motion by Jamie Burkhardt, seconded by Thomas Lochner, to approve the 2023 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan with addition of an improved facility map from Silver Spring Foods. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Off-Site Emergency Response Plans

a. Cascades Tissue Group

Mrs. Desio informed the Committee that Cascades Tissue Group is a facility with Sulfuric Acid, Aqua Ammonia, and Chlorine as their extremely hazardous substances. After facility review, there were no significant changes other than updating the Special Facilities List in this plan update. Robert King asked how the Special Facilities list is populated and ensuring new facilities are identified. Mrs. Desio explained that FEMA has a new Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool that allows the use of GIS to identify facilities within the buffer zone. This data is pulled from regularly updated sources. As for day care centers, these are pulled from a DHS maintained list that is updated yearly.

Jamie Burkhardt noted that each plan the primary response agency for Eau Claire Fire lists a specific station. A number of factors can change which station responds. For consistency, all plans going forward will list the administration office 216 S. Dewey St. Motion by Jamie Burkhardt, seconded by Marisa Stanley to approve the Cascades Tissue Group Off-Site Emergency Response Plan with the correction to the fire department address in the primary emergency response list. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Nestle Health Science

Mrs. Desio informed the Committee that Nestle Health Science is a facility with Ammonia, Nitric Acid, and Sulfuric Acid as their extremely hazardous substances. After facility review, there were no significant changes other than updating the Special Facilities List in this plan update. Motion by Thomas Lochner, seconded by Jamie Burkhardt to approve the Nestle Health Science Off-Site Emergency Response Plan with the correction to the fire department address in the primary emergency response list. All in favor, motion carried.

c. Nestle Nutrition Gateway

Mrs. Desio informed the Committee that Nestle Nutrition Gateway is a facility with Ammonia, Nitric Acid, and Sulfuric Acid as their extremely hazardous substances. After facility review, there were no significant changes other than updating the Special Facilities List in this plan update. Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Robert King to approve the Nestle Nutrition Gateway Off-Site Emergency Response Plan with the correction to the fire department address in

the primary emergency response list. All in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Management Updates

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

- Emergency Management conducted a tabletop and full-scale active shooter exercise in Augusta last month.
- Integrated Preparedness Plan Survey has been released to various partners with limited responses. Without responses, those that do respond will have input into the County's preparedness priorities and upcoming training for the next 3 years.
- There have been several staff changes in various departments across the county, including several Fire Departments and the Sheriff's Department. Emergency Management is reaching out to those new staff members to determine their expectations from and ensure they understand the capabilities of Emergency Management.
- The opening of Emergency Management's new Emergency Operations Center in the new County Highway facility looks to be by July. Once opened, we will be able to start hosting training there.
- There are many upcoming trainings being held throughout the county. The Committee is encouraged to contact Emergency Management staff if interested in these trainings. These trainings are now easily found on the Emergency Management website calendar.

Local Hazardous Materials Spill Response Team Report

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

- 14 events were CO related, and 3 with CO present.
- 21 events were natural gas leaks.
- 1 event was a gas spill.
- 1 event mutual aid w/Menomonie Fire.
- 1 event was an investigation.
- 2 events were oil or other chemical spill.
- 1 event as a result of steam.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed on the next meeting to be held September 14, 2023. Valerie Desio mentioned the possibility of setting up a site visit for a new facility, HomeCity Ice.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Desio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Desio – Clerk, Local Emergency Planning Committee