



MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Thursday, May 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Present: Katherine Schneider, Connie Russell, Darrell Christy, Jack Running, Matt Jaggar, Jamie Burkhardt, Marisa Stanley, Robert King, Sarah Seifert

Absent: Benjamin Frederick, Jason Knecht, Dustin Walters, Frank Neibauer, Diane Hunter, Thomas Lochner, James Hager

Others: Tyler Esh, Valerie Desio – Committee Clerk, Joan Miller – Ready Team CV, Joe Kalscheur – PHEP Specialist

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Pro-Tem Chair Christy called the meeting to order at 1:00 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.

Public Comment

Todd Krause from National Weather Service-Twin Cities spoke about some of the resources available on the NWS Website to assist with obtaining weather conditions during an event.

Election of LEPC Chair

Darrell Christy opened nominations for Chair of the LEPC. Katherine Schneider nominated Darrell Christy as Chair. No other nominations were made. Darrell Christy closed nominations. Motion by Katherine Schneider, seconded by Jaime 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. Darryl Christy nominated Frank Neibauer as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Chair Christy closed nominations. Motion by Darryl Christy, seconded by Matt Jaggar to re-elect Frank Neibauer as Vice Chair of the LEPC. All in favor, motion carried.

Appointment of LEPC Committee Clerk

Chair Christy appointed Valerie Desio as Clerk of the LEPC.

Review/Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from February 29, 2024. Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Matt Jaggar to approve the February 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes. 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 3 new facilities were added to this plan (Costco, Dakota Supply Group, and WSC Eau Claire), in addition two additional existing facilities (Indianhead and HTI) are moving to the sulfuric acid battery plan. One AT&T site is being removed as they no longer have quantities above threshold. This current plan contains appendices for eight facilities being updated. Costco and HTI still need facility signatures, so will be added later this year.

Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Matt Jaggar, to approve the 2023 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Off-Site Emergency Response Plans

a. Central Storage and Warehouse

Mrs. Desio informed the Committee that Central Storage and Warehouse is a facility with Sulfuric Acid and Anhydrous Ammonia as their extremely hazardous substances. A new state template for off-site plans was utilized this year which slightly restructured the layout of the plan. Mrs. Desio also noted use of the FEMA Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool to calculate estimates for households without a smart phone or a vehicle within the vulnerability zone. ECFD liked that Section V: Special Facilities Affected listed facility contact number, capacity, and that the vulnerability zone map included locations of facilities.

Motion by Matt Jaggar, seconded by Jamie Burkhardt to approve the Central Storage and Warehouse Off-Site Emergency Response Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Home City Ice

Mrs. Desio informed the Committee that Home City Ice is a ice-making facility with Anhydrous Ammonia as their extremely hazardous substances. This is the first year this plan is being brought before the LEPC. The FEMA Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool was used to calculate estimates for households without a smart phone or a vehicle within the vulnerability zone. Motion by Matt Jaggar, seconded by Jamie Burkhardt to approve the Home City Ice Off-Site Emergency Response Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

c. Imperia Foods (aka Schuman Cheese)

Mrs. Desio informed the Committee that Imperia Foods is a facility with Ammonia as their extremely hazardous substances. A new state template for off-site plans was utilized this year which slightly restructured the layout of the plan. Mrs. Desio also noted use of the FEMA Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool to calculate estimates for households without a smart

phone or a vehicle within the vulnerability zone. Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Connie Russell to approve the Imperia Foods Off-Site Emergency Response Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Local Hazardous Materials Spill Response Team Report

Jamie Burkhardt, City of Eau Claire Fire Department updated the Committee on the latest hazardous materials incidents. From February 27 to April 29, there were:

- 6 events were CO related, 1 with CO present, 4 with detector issues.
- 7 events were natural gas leaks, many related to installation of Fiber.
- 1 event was a gas spill.
- 2 events were investigations.

Emergency Management Updates

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

- MCI tools are being requested by multiple Fire/EMS agencies to conduct MCI/Triage training. Altoona Fire conducted recent training utilizing materials and Tilden Fire in Chippewa County has requested materials and training.
- Emergency Management Division continues to investigate and improve EOC processes and systems. Several software demonstrations have been provided to Emergency Management team and IS department to look at needs and capabilities. While we do not have a mass public notification system at this time, the City of Eau Claire continues to use RAVE for notification within the city. We continue to look for grants to finance these new technologies to support the EOC and public notification.
- There are several upcoming internal EOC trainings to help ensure County can respond to needs of the communities by training personnel.
- Save the date for WEMA Conference (September 25-26, 2024) and MABAS Conference (September 26-28, 2024).
- EMPG Funding was recently cut by 10% across all of emergency management. This is currently affecting training being provided by the state, which in turn could affect promotions of officer positions within many fire departments, as more senior officers begin to retire. Eau Claire County is hosting an ICS-300 and ICS-400 course this fall, which quickly filled and now has a wait list.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2024 at 4pm at the Eau Claire County EOC.

Adjourn

Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Matt Jaggar to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie Desio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Valerie Desio – Clerk, Local Emergency Planning Committee