

**LEPC (Local Emergency Preparedness committee)
Meeting Minutes**

January 26, 2023

Members Present: Jeff Florian, Kerianne Ehrlich, Ralph Doubrava, Dale Houston, Kirk Robson, Emil Halfhill, Murray Marston, Keith Haberer, Roy Folk, Dustin Stambaugh, Ritchard Brown, Shelly Vopat, and Elizabeth George

OPENING BUSINESS:

Chairman Roy Folk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

LEPC Meeting:

Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2022 were approved.

Election of Officers was held with the following results:

President – Roy Folk

Vice President - Teresa Shute

Treasurer - Geneva Schneider

Secretary - Elizabeth George

Southern Star Pipeline had to reschedule their presentation with the LEPC for the July 27, 2023 meeting.

Dustin Stambaugh, Ellsworth City Administrator, was introduced.

Kerianne Ehrlich, Ellsworth County Health Department, said that the covid levels are good & going down. She said that there is a coalition with the City Administrator to work on a resource guide for the community. Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development, and Britton Schmidt, her son, are working to create a website with all these resources. There will be flyers distributed throughout the community with a QR code that will take you right to the website.

Jeff Florian, Ells Correctional Facility, said he will be looking to collect Mutual Aid Agreements soon.

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, said that Mobile Radio Service was purchased. The Sheriff's office is running into issues with frequencies. They are

reworking the template and issues with McPherson County. Murray said that he is working with Jerry Moran's office to try to get new radios and antenna. He let the LEPC know that we have until January 1, 2024, to resolve these issues and upgrade equipment.

Ralph Doubrava, Ellsworth Fire Chief, said that these radio issues were a big part of the Fire Chief's meeting last night. Ralph also mentioned that there were plans to install a "Nox Box" in the community at a secure location. Ralph is working with MaiCo to try to get a 3-story training facility built. He has also been working with Dustin Stambaugh, City Administrator, on this.

Ralph said that the fire chief's contact list was updated and he will get it to the County Clerk's office. The county fire chiefs would also like to meet with the commissioners to discuss possible changes to burn bans and maybe adding an option of restricted burns.

Emil Halfhill, Ellsworth City Police Chief, said that he is continuing to work on North Central Homeland Cyber Security. He is trying to combine this for the county and the city.

There were multiple training discussions had tonight. Some of these are Radio Training, Disaster Drills, Pipeline Disaster Training and Orion Damage Assessment Training.

FEMA I.D. cards need to be renewed and done for the county employees that don't have one.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm. The next LEPC meeting will be April 27, 2023.