

CARBON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)
CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE May 11, 2022 MEETING



*PRESENT:	*ABSENT:	*GUEST(S):
Mark Ebbert	Rodger Diehl - excused	
Mary Farnschlader	Mark Lopata - excused	
Donna McGarry	Wayne Nothstein	
Amy Miller	Christopher Seyfried	
Robert Miller	Scott Soden/Ryan Shelly	
Mark Nalesnik	Gary Williams - excused	
Shelley Snyder		
Paul Ringheiser		
Karl Verren		
Audrey Wargo		

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

***MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes was accepted as presented.

***FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Ms. Audrey Wargo and seconded by Ms. Mary Farnschlader with all voting in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

There were no guests present.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was discussed with the LEPC members that multiple grants were approved by the Commissioners and submitted on-line to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Mark Nalesnik explained to the LEPC Committee these grants. The SFY 2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant for the Transcaer Exercise - PEMA works with a contractor to conduct a functional exercise for a hazardous incident involving railroads and trains. PEMA encourages counties to do these exercises periodically. EMA will work with the contractor to find a location and then invite all Carbon County First Responders. A PEMA approved contractor is being utilized for the exercise.

The SFY 2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant for the Commodity Flow Study is performed by a contractor which will come into Carbon County and monitor all forms of transportation of hazardous materials which are transported throughout the county. The contractor will provide a detailed report of their findings to the county. It is recommended that a Commodity Flow Study be conducted approximately every five years.

The SFY 2022 – 2023 Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant – Mr. Mark Nalesnik explained that we would have to purchase a mobile radio for the EMA vehicle as part of the grant application.

NOMINATING:

There were no nominations to report.

BY LAWS:

There were no By-laws to update.

ORIENTATION:

There was no orientation to report.

OUTREACH:

EMA has been invited by Jim Thorpe Police Department to participate in their National Night Out Event on August 2, 2022. The mobile command bus is taken to Memorial Park for this event. EMA, CERT and LEPC handouts will be distributed at this event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment to report.

REPORTS & SOLUTIONS:

There were no reports and solutions to report.

PLANS REVIEW:

Mr. Mark Nalesnik stated that all SARA facility plan reviews are up-to-date except for AZR and Panther Creek Energy Facilities.

TRAINING:

Mr. Mark Nalesnik stated that all classes on the schedule are Hazmat related. There is a Hazmat Awareness Level on May 16, 2022 at Carbon County EMA, A CERT course on September 10th & 11th at Carbon County EMA, Basic Foam Firefighting - October 1st at Carbon County EMA, NEPRCTTF – **New Mexico Tech** – HME Home Made Explosives on October 4th at Carbon County EMA, Decon Practices – October 8th at Carbon County EMA, Hazmat Operations Annual Refresher – October 15th at Carbon County EMA, FEMA G-386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response will be held on October 22nd & 23rd at Carbon EMA, ICS-300 – November 1, 3, 5, 6 at Carbon County EMA and ICS-400 – November 19th & 20th at Carbon County EMA.

HAZMAT INCIDENT(S):

On March 9, 2022 there was a diesel fuel spill in the county parking lot. On March 21, 2022 there was approximately 10 gallons of cooking oil that was released from a dumpster and into a storm drain from a restaurant in Nesquehoning.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Audrey Wargo and seconded by Ms. Donna McGarry with all voting in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

2022 meeting dates were posted in the Times News on November 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nalesnik