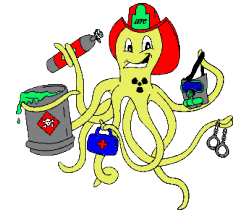


CARBON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)
CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE May 10, 2023 MEETING



*PRESENT:	*ABSENT:	*GUEST(S):
Rodger Diehl	Mark Ebbert - excused	Seth Hoch, Red Cross
Mary Farnschlader	Mark Lopata	Paul Ringheiser, Red Cross
Tom Kattner	Donna McGarry	Timothy Craven, PA DEP
Amy Miller	Karl Verren	Jonathan Ulanoski, PA DEP
Robert Miller	Audrey Wargo - excused	
Mark Nalesnik		
Wayne Nothstein		
Shelley Snyder		
Christopher Seyfried		
Scott Soden		
Gary Williams		

CALL TO ORDER:

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

***MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes was made by Ms. Mary Farnschlader and seconded by Mr. Scott Soden with all voting in favor.

***FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Ms. Amy Miller and seconded by Mr. Rodger Diehl with all voting in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Mr. Seth Hoch, Disaster Program Manager for the Red Cross introduced himself. He replaced Maleek Hayes. Mr. Tim Craven, PA DEP Emergency Response Coordinator introduced himself as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2023 HMR Project Budget DGM-28 received Board approval on April 27, 2023 and was submitted on-line to PEMA April 28, 2023. The grant period is July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 and members were given copies. Approval by PEMA was made on May 3, 2023.

Nominations for LEPC members are now being submitted on-line. Mr. Tom Kattner was the first on-line submission. New member term renewals for LEPC members are 5 years. Mr. Scott Soden asked if existing members would have to be renewed every 5 years. Ms. Shelley Snyder said she would research and advise existing members.

The Transcaer Exercise will be held on May 22, 2023 at 6 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Mary Farnschlader and seconded by Mr. Gary Williams to provide refreshments for the event with all voting in favor.

Amateur Radio Club – Mr. Mark Nalesnik stated that the radio club submitted a quote for \$210 from Advanced Auto and they are asking if the LEPC can support their request for batteries. The marine batteries are utilized to run all their equipment when out in the field for any type of incident. They have been without these batteries for some time because they were no longer useful. It was determined that the radios are the property of the County and Commissioner Nothstein said we would be responsible and asked which line item it would fall under. Ms. Shelley Snyder stated she would look at the Hazmat budget to determine appropriate funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Nothstein and seconded by Mr. Scott Soden with all voting in favor for the purchase of the batteries.

NOMINATING:

There was no nominating to update.

BY LAWS:

There were no By-laws to update.

ORIENTATION:

There was no orientation to report.

OUTREACH:

Mr. Mark Nalesnik stated that the LEPC attended the Safety Day Event on May 6, 2023 at the Mauch Chunk Lake. Flyers and coloring books were given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment to report.

REPORTS & SOLUTIONS:

There were no reports and solutions to report.

PLANS REVIEW:

The Panther Creek facility has not been received.

TRAINING:

Mr. Mark Nalensik gave the training update. There is a Hazmat Awareness Level on May 30, 2023. There is a Lithium Ion Battery on June 15, 2023. Mr. Mark Nalesnik stated that he has attended this course and it is excellent. We have a Hazmat Operations Refresher on August 5, 2023. There is an ICS 300 and 400 scheduled as well for the fall.

HAZMAT INCIDENT(S):

On April 4, 2023 a heating truck turned over on Drakes Creek Road in Penn Forest Township. There were several thousand gallons of home heating oil that were released on the roadway and roadway shoulder. Mr. Scott Soden, Rapid Response, stated that he had not received copies of the results. County and State assistance who showed up regulatory wise were extremely helpful. Mr. Mark Nalesnik commented that he had been at the site several times and stated that Rapid Response displayed an extreme amount of professionalism.

Mr. Mark Nalesnik said that in Kidder Township, where the land is being used as a dump site at Mountain Laurel Resort, that water samples came back as contaminated. The township office is involved.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Scott Soden and seconded by Mr. Gary Williams with all voting in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

2023 meeting dates were posted in the Times News in November 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nalesnik