

Winnebago County

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

May 5, 2011

Members present: Doug Gieryn, Barti Omarou, Linda Kollmann, Ann Lagario, Keith Kiesow, Rick Krumenauer, Frank Bell, Bob Doemel, Peter Running, Larry Smith

Members excused: Nick Cluppert, Scott Jones, Mike Sipin, Andy Radig

Alternates present: Janelle Tatro, Don Merz, Brett Losey

Also present: Sue Verwey

The LEPC meeting was called to order by Chairman Gieryn at 9:35 a.m.

1. Roll call and approval of past minutes

Roll call was taken.

MOTION to approve minutes from the February 3, 2011 meeting by Larry Smith; seconded by Linda Kollmann; all in favor; motion carried.

2. Public comment period

None

3. Appointment of Secretary

Larry Smith volunteered to take over the position of Secretary until 2012.

4. Annual update of LEPC By-laws

Doug G. led a discussion on changing portions of the by-laws.

Up first was a question to the members on how many times a year the LEPC should meet and what does each member expect to accomplish as a member of this committee.

Suggestions on the strengths/weaknesses of the committee were discussed.

- Linda K. pointed out that the Emergency Management Office already does almost everything that a LEPC is required to do primarily because of having a Deputy Director/EPCRA planner.
- Larry S. and Don M. both suggested reducing the meetings to twice a year except when the Chairman feels the need to call a special meeting.
- Rick K. reported that over the years more chemical restrictions have been put into place and less dangerous chemicals are onsite at facilities in Winnebago County. Also, OSHA has tightened standards thus minimizing a LEPC role.
- Keith K. agreed with Rick K. and added that industry standards have changed and with less chlorine on sites there is less potential for dangerous chemical spills.

At this point Doug G. asked for a show of hands on how many members would like to see the meetings stay the same at four meeting a year (3 members agreeing) and how many would like to see meetings twice a year (7 members agreeing). Before the next meeting committee members will receive the proposed changes to the by-laws so the committee will be ready to vote on the revised by-laws.

Sue V. will email out LEPC training or exercising opportunities as they are announced to LEPC members. (re: "LEPC opportunity").

5. Annual redesignation of the EM Director "Community Emergency Coordinator/Coordinator of Information"

No action since this only needs to be done when a new EM Director is hired. This information will be added to the by-laws and voted on in November.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- Outreach – Linda K. reported that LEPC brochures are still actively being distributed and are on both the County and City websites
- Exercise/Planning – none
- Cost Recovery – none
- Nominations – none
- Spill Reports – Janell T. handed out a spill report with 2 spills recorded

7. Current Events Updates

Doug Gieryn

- Doug went to training at the CDC fully funded through a grant, which included messaging and responding to a radiation leak

Linda Kollmann

- Discussed new on-line facility reporting of Tier II's
- Public-Private Partnership training coming up May 10th "Crisis Communication Tabletop"

- Bernie S. working on EPCRA plans with 6 plans completed out of the 26 scheduled for this year
- Nuclear Power Plant in Kewaunee County has been sold

Ann Lagario

- Received WHEPP grant for new evacuation equipment
- Getting rid of all alert color codes and going to plain English

Rick Krumenauer

- New state law regarding oil spills and oil filters - OFD is working on how to properly dispose of these items
- Full Collapse Structure team will be in place soon

MOTION to adjourn by Rick Krumenauer; seconded by Linda Kollmann; all in favor; motion carried, meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sue Verwey