

Winnebago County

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Hydrite Chemical Company Warehouse
149 W. Waukau Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

May 4, 2017

Members present: Doug Gieryn, John Ziemer, Nick Barden, Beth Erdman, Linda Kollmann, Larry Smith, Keith Kiesow, Tracy Warren

Also present: Anna Carpenter (alternate), Becky Powers

The LEPC meeting was called to order by Doug Gieryn at 9:30 AM. Linda Kollmann introduced Becky Powers, Emergency Management Associate replacing retired Sue Verwey.

1. Roll call and approval of past minutes

Roll call was taken and a quorum was met.

MOTION to approve minutes from the November 10, 2016 meeting by Larry Smith; seconded by Beth Erdman; all in favor; motion carried.

2. Public comments

None

3. Spill Reports

Spill reports were reviewed, with minimal discussion.

4. Subcommittee Reports: Exercising and Education/Outreach

Linda noted that she would report for both subcommittees. Bernie Sorenson is stepping down as chair of the Exercising subcommittee due to his change in employment (leaving Winnebago County for a position with UWO). Interviews have been conducted and a new hire for the Deputy Director position will hopefully be in place soon. Linda noted that volunteers are needed for both committees and she is hoping to hear from committee members soon. (That need includes a volunteer to step up and chair the Exercising Subcommittee.)

A tabletop exercise was held in Neenah, with the scenario of a train derailment. The after action report (AAR) has not been received yet, but after review of it, plans will be made to continue with a series of exercises to build on the lessons learned from exercising this scenario. On a side note, Beth Erdman expressed concern over a recent incident of a rail crossing in Neenah being blocked by a stopped train for more than 30 minutes. There was additional conversation on this issue, and Linda said she would check with Dispatch to see if they are being notified to alert local first responders when a situation like that occurs.

There are many opportunities coming up this summer for volunteers to help with outreach, please contact Linda Kollmann if you are available.

5. Tour of Hydrite Chemical Company Warehouse

Nick Barden gave a brief slide presentation before the committee adjourned for the tour.

6. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn by Linda Kollmann; seconded by John Ziemer; all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

The next LEPC meeting date will be Thursday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m., location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Powers