



MINUTES OF MONROE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting of February 6, 2024

MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Meetings now open for in person attendance and also presented virtually via Microsoft TEAMS for those who wish to attend virtually.

Chairman Edinger called the meeting to order at 12:00

Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call

Present: See Attached Sign In

Virtual: See Attached Sign in

Excused: See Attached Sign In

Absent: See Attached Sign In

Guests: See Attached Sign In

The minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting were distributed.
Motion to accept minutes as distributed – Miller/Belvin – Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Christine Meinhart resigned from the LEPC and recommended Julia Shere
- Zipp/Black
- Sharon Laverdure resigned from the LEPC and recommended David Parker
- Zipp/Pinho

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Statement balance as of October 1, 2022 - \$64,541.07
Income – \$65.77 Expenses – \$7,003.00
Fund Balance as of September 30, 2022 - \$57,603.82
Motion to accept Report – ?? – Motion carried.

Public Education

Wallen volunteered to chair this committee.

Edinger reported that through the Hazardous Materials Training package purchased, four of the 19 fire departments had scheduled HazMat training sessions. There are more that are working through the process, but had not yet scheduled their training sessions.

Compliance/Regulatory

- Off Site Plan Status**
No Report
- Tier II Reports**

Keegan reported that Tier II annual reports were beginning to come in for 2023 and that invoices will be sent out as the reports were received.

c) Compliance

Nothing to report.

d) Emergency Response Preparedness

Fourth Quarter Responses

- 12/01/2023 – Tractor Trailer Accident resulting in 80,000lbs of Hydrated Lime – Stroudsburg
 - Keegan reported that this was the third accident in the region involving Hydrated lime and this hauler during that week per DEP.
- 12/02/2023
 - 250 Gallons Kerosene Leak – Hamilton
 - 100 Gallons Kerosene Leak – Coolbaugh
- 12/06/2023 – Sm. Diesel Spill – Polk Twp

OEM DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Keegan reports the following responses in the last quarter as follows:

1. Foam Replacement – Following the decision to focus on the replacement of the Class B foam on the foam trailer, we currently have 6- 55 gallon barrels of foam and 14 totes on the foam trailer. To replace this with universal green, which seems to be the standard, would be approximately \$17,550. The plan was to take the HMEP earmark for the Transcare Exercise of \$10,000 (\$8000 Federal/ \$2000 LEPC match) and the HMRP ear mark for the drain covers to fund this project.
2. Hazardous Waste Removal – A local facility has graciously offered to cover 100% of the Hazardous Waste cost of disposing the current foam, once the current foam is replaced.
3. Datom/Rapid Response – Due to discrepancies in the contract, the County Solicitor has recommended that the County stay with Datom until a time at which they are no longer able to provide services.
4. Hazard Mitigation Update – The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update began on January 8th with a Kick-off meeting. The Risk Assessment Meeting will be March 11th.

INPUT FROM LEPC MEMBERS

- A discussion about financial coverage of a response without a responsible party was had. Stalnecker advised that PEMA, DEP and EPA all have funding sources, that should an incident exceed what the County can pay in response cost, these funds may be available to be used.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEPC CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

ELECTION

Chairman – Guy Miller was nominated by Zipp. 1 overall vote was cast

Vice-Chairman – Rick Staples was nominated by Ferro

- Don Zipp was nominated by Miller.
 - Zipp was elected by a majority.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at noon.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Black/ Zipp - unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Keegan
OEM Director