

**ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Full LEPC Membership – Minutes

March 16, 2021

Members Present:

Chair Robert Swenarski, Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner, Lieutenant Jason Daskam, Rick Wietersen, Todd Lambert, Sharon Rateike, Robert Wildermuth, Joe Christianson, Jay Gasser, Mary Beaver, Norm Tadt, Todd Bolen, Sgt. Shena Kohler, Craig Thiesenhusen, and Ken Hoffman

Guests:

Tammy Kettleson (RCSO-EM), Katrina Harwood (RC Public Health), Michael Niles (RC Public Health), Bruce Slagowski

Call to Order:

Chair Robert Swenarski called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:01 AM via Zoom conference call.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Bob Wildermuth and seconded by Todd Lambert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Rick Wietersen and seconded by Bob Wildermuth to approve the minutes from January 19, 2021. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership- Jay Gasser introduced Loren Cox who is interested in a vacant media position. Nomination made by Sgt. Shena Kohler, seconded by Todd Lambert to send recommendation to the Rock County Board for approval. Sgt. Shena Kohler reported that Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner will be taking retired DC Terry Sheridan's position. Nomination made by Jay Gasser, seconded by Rick Wietersen to send recommendation to the Rock County Board for approval.

Emergency Management Reports

Current Events

Sgt. Shena Kohler discussed current status of the Emergency Operations Center in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and is transitioning into the vaccine phase of recovery. Emergency Management is gearing up for typical spring flooding events.

Budget Report

The budget report was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Spill Report:

The spill report was provided. Questions were raised regarding follow-up/ cleanup information. Sgt. Shena Kohler stated EM gets the information from agencies or the DNR. Many times we did not receive any cleanup information, but can invite the DNR to a meeting to explain their process.

Training:

Sgt. Shena Kohler discussed virtual training options and many can be found listed at trainingwisconsin.org. She also discussed Rock County was chosen by the state to be a remote site for SIMCOM exercise, May 6, 2021, and to be the host site in winter 2022. SIMCOM is a radio/communications interoperability exercise. More information to come. Sgt. Kohler also discussed that if anyone is interested in bringing certain trainings to our county to let her know as she can request classes from the state.

Public Health:

Rick Wietersen introduced the new public health including the new Rock County Health Officer, Katrina Harwood, and also the new health educator, Michael Niles, who will be replacing Alison Chouinard's position in her emergency preparedness role. He also shared some COVID testing data and that it is trending downward. He shared that 26% of Rock County residents have received their first dose and 17% have gotten their second dose and are considered fully vaccinated.

Hazmat Team:

Lieutenant Jason Daskam discussed team trainings they have been doing with Milton and Edgerton departments.

Facility Input:

Jay Gasser, from Abitec, reports they are doing well.

Public Input:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Next Meeting:

The next LEPC meeting will be held May 18, 2021 via Zoom conference call.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob Wildermuth and seconded by Todd Lambert. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.