ROCK COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Full LEPC Membership – Minutes

May 18, 2021

Members Present:

Chair Robert Swenarski, Supervisor Mary Beaver, Robert Wildermuth, Dave Botts, Craig Theisenhusen, Patti Miller, Sharon Rateike, Norman Tadt, Lorin Cox, Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner, Todd Lambert, Catherine Kolb, Rick Wietersen, Lieutenant Jason Daskam, Jay Gasser, Todd Bolen, Michael Niles, Joe Christensen, Sqt. Shena Kohler

Guests:

Tammy Kettleson (RCSO-EM)

Call to Order:

Chair Robert Swenarski called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:00 AM via Zoom conference call.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Mary Beaver and seconded by Supervisory Jacob Taylor to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Mary Beaver and seconded by Dave Botts to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Plan of Review-

Chair Robert Swenarski discussed the committee met this morning and reviewed and approved updated off site plans for 3 City of Milton wells and 3 City of Janesville wells. Sgt. Kohler will forward on to the State for approval.

Emergency Management Reports

Current Events

Sgt. Shena Kohler discussed the county Emergency Operations Center officially closed a few weeks ago after being active for 410 days. She also discussed Emergency Management is readjusting to non-COVID operations and prioritizing plans and projects. She encouraged members to continue to order needed PPE from Emergency Management as there is still a great deal available.

Budget Report

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

Spill Report

The spill report was provided.

Training

Sgt. Shena Kohler discussed Wisconsin Emergency Management is beginning to offer inperson class offerings again. Classes can be found at www.trainingwisconsin.org. She also discussed that Rock County will be applying to host classes again with additional updates to follow soon. Bob Wildermuth also mentioned additional trainings offered at www.nfpa.org.

Public Health:

Rick Wietersen introduced Michael Niles as the new Rock County Public Health representative. Michael Niles reported on the recent COVID-19 data and the recent ending of the Rock County mask mandate. He also discussed public health's main initiative is getting as many of Rock County residents vaccinated for COVID-19 as possible with many vaccine clinics scheduled throughout the county in the coming months.

Hazmat Team:

Lieutenant Jason Daskam discussed upcoming full dress team trainings and in the coming months, six new members will be added to the team. He also stated that the department is looking at trying to classify more calls as Hazmat calls, such as frequent carbon monoxide calls. Possible future multi-agency trainings were discussed.

Facility Input:

Jay Gasser, Abitec, reports they have received new equipment and transition for that is going well. Joe Christensen, SHINE, reported the finishing of their weathertight certification milestone and fire hazard analysis is being finalized for their main production facility.

Public Input:

None.

Old Business:

Sgt. Kohler reported on the previously discussed request to have a representative from the DNR attend a meeting to discuss spills. After reaching out, the DNR indicated they are working on a "Spills 101 Training" to be available soon, but are willing to come do an introductory meet and greet in the meantime. Discussion ensued and it was decided to invite them to an upcoming meeting. Sgt. Kohler will coordinate.

New Business:

Rick Wietersen raised discussion regarding planning upcoming tabletop exercises. Future planning will ensure.

Next Meeting:

The next LEPC meeting will be held July 20, 2021 (in-person) at the Rock County Emergency Operations Center.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Patti Miller and seconded by Todd Lambert. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.