



Greene County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
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NOTICE OPEN MEETING LEPC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: PSC Training Room
Lunch: Mexican Villa catering

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ralph Siccama at 12:03 p.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

The General Committee meeting minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting were shared. J D Landon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mark Warnow seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed to approve the minutes.

The March LEPC Executive Committee minutes were also provided to members via the meeting invite.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen McKinnis provided the Financial Statement Report: handout was provided of the budget status. MERC is wanting additional budget documentation. Spending since last update included Hazmat physicals and meeting food. Ron Bailey made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, the motion was seconded by Mark Warnow. A vote was held and passed to approve the report as submitted.

Lisa Cardone provided the MERC update: the last MERC meeting was April 12, 2024. ERG books have been sent out and are still available. Legislatively MERC spending is capped at \$1 million dollars which somewhat affects MERC getting the LEPC/LEPD funds out. MERC is still watching the house bill – it could result in the MERC being eliminated if not passed and is in the Transportation senate committee now. If it does not pass then SEMA will take over MERC roles. MERC has questions as to the authority to get Tier II members to be compliant. The next MERC meeting is 7/18/24.

HAZMAT Update; was provided by Larry. No spills reported since the last meeting.

Kenny Norris provided the IPP and Training update. Hazmat tech books are available at the cost of \$100 each. The airport exercise is set for May 29. There not be a hazmat exercise scheduled next year but might be added to the school exercise. There are seats available on the planning committee if anyone wants to assist.





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HMEP and CEPF grant update – All equipment has arrived from CEPF funding. HMEP course scheduling has been released. We asked for 5 courses and one has been approved, RR 101. This is a free class and is the only one we were approved for so far. We still need a hazmat tech class.

Ralph called for other Old Business.

None was brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

Training Presentation: Andrew Gieseke, Federal On-Site Coordinator, EPA presented on Hazmat Response. Andrew serves Region 7 in the KC region Superfund Division of EPA. This division generally funds clean up of contaminated sites. He is part of the team that is on call 24/7 for the spill reporting line that states can contract when needed. He works under ESF 10 and 3 which includes efforts such as disaster response, the oil program, homeland security and removal and remediation actions. There are contracts in place that can be called upon for fast response. The coastguard holds EPA funds for oil spills. \$250,000 can be spent without asking. They are pre-authorized on expenditures up to that point. His office can assist with equipment, contractors, technical assistance, data management, sampling, containment, recovery and disposal. Andrew provided contact information and fielded questions from membership.

Ralph asked for Other New Business.

None was brought forth.

Ralph announced the next General Membership Meeting is set for June 20, 2024.

Ron Bailey Lisa Cardone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Cardone. A vote was held and passed, and Ralph adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

UPCOMING LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

*Note: training opportunities listed here are time and capacity-sensitive so they are subject to changes Visit the following link to register or to see a complete and up-to-date course listing.

<http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

All registrations are handled through the DPS web portal training.dps.mo.gov
