



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

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: PSC Training Room
Lunch: Bambino's catering

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ralph Siccama at 11:54 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

The General Committee meeting minutes of the December 21, 2024, meeting were shared. J D Landon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Lynn Hollandworth seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed to approve the minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No Financial Statement Report was provided as the budget funds have not been received yet.

Lisa Cardone provided the MERC update – January 11, 2024, was the last MERC meeting. There are 2 vacancies at MERC and also on the MERC board. The MERC board challenged the request from MERC for LEPC/LEPD financials as there is no law enabling this action. There are 23 changes to the Tier 2 reporting format this year. One of the changes is each reporter has to report their location by longitude and latitude. Marinas should have been completing Tier 2 reports, they have been left out for years but MERC is working to get them back on track. The MERC is about 10 weeks behind in the CEPF funding getting out to the LEPC/Ds. HB 232 is still pending, it will eliminate MERC.

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

Aubrey provided the IPP and Training update. The airport exercise will be a 1.5 – 2-year exercise series starting 5/29/24 at the airport and will still have hazmat and SNS Chempac content.

HMEP grant update – Our first-choice training class request is not approved/scheduled at this time but the RR 101 class is coming, Republic requested this class. We still need a hazmat tech class.

Ralph called for other Old Business.

None was brought forth.



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NEW BUSINESS

Mark Burchfield from the Springfield office of the National Weather Service (NWS) provided the training presentation of Hazmat Services Provided by NWS. Some of the resources available from the NWS are wind speed, direction, precipitation, 48-hour forecasts, and Spot forecasts. Spot forecasts can be used for large burns, prescribed fires, search and rescue, and hazmat incidents. The NWS office can usually have Spot requests filled within 5 minutes. A good resource for this service is www.weather.gov/spot. Hysplit models simulate dispersion and trajectory (plume) in a map format. Three pieces of information are needed to get a map: location, time frame, and where to send the data. The NWS can also participate and/or assist in community emergency response exercises. The direct telephone number for their office is 1-800-762-4363. Mark fielded questions from the membership and provided his contact information.

The LEPC election for Chair and two member-at-large positions was held all positions were for 2-year terms. Nominations that were submitted before the meeting were on the printed ballot. Ralph Siccama and John Elmore for Chair and Lisa Cardone, Chris Roush, and Jason Henry were on the ballot for 2 member-at-large positions. Ralph asked for other nominations from the floor. There were blanks on the ballot for write-in votes. No nominations were offered from the floor. Ballots were passed out. The vote was held, ballots collected, and votes tallied. Voting results were Ralph for Chair, and Lisa and Chris were elected to the member-at-large positions.

Ralph asked for Other New Business.

None was brought forth.

Ralph announced the next General Membership Meeting is set for April 18, 2024.

Lisa Cardone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Warnow. A vote was held and passed, and Ralph adjourned the meeting at 12:39 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
