

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE THURSDAY, March 28, 2013

Members Present: Bill Greening-Sheriff, Jon Gougar-Sartori Cheese, Jon Petroskey-Antigo Fire Dept., Gene Kamps-Co Board, Brad Henricks-EM Director, Lora Hainy-Red Cross

Others Present: Kim Bissonette-Sheriff's Office

Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance

EM Director Brad Henricks called a meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order on the above date at 10:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed. Following the Pledge of Allegiance there was a moment of silence for the passing of previous EM Director Katie Hovland-Frisch.

Update on the LEPC

EM Director Brad Henricks stated that there hasn't been a whole lot happening since the last meeting. Henricks stated that he received updates from four (4) facilities for their off site hazardous materials plan; 1-Sartori, 2-FS locations and Fleet Farm.

Sheriff Greening asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion is included in the following topic.

Review Membership List, By Laws, Strategic Plan and Compliance Inspector (Approve 09/25/2012 minutes)

EM Director Brad Henricks informed the committee that the committee list and By Laws have not changed, copies were reviewed by members. The Compliance Inspector designation was signed by County Board member Gene Kamps. Sheriff Greening noted that on the By Laws, item #7 – "Public Comment Section" should be added to future LEPC Agenda's. Moved by Lora Hainy, second by Jon Petroskey to approve the minutes of the meeting from September 25, 2012, and also approve the membership list, By Laws and Strategic Plan and Compliance Inspector. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Additional Off Site Facility for Langlade County

EM Director Brad Henricks stated that Merit Gear has now become a planning facility. Henricks has met with them to develop their off site plan. Henricks also recommended that members take a look at this plan

Yearly Spill Report Review

Henricks informed members that there were two (2) spill reports in 2012. One was with FS Servco with Pot Ash on the highway and the other with Amron in which the DNR was involved with some solvents that overflowed and escaped outside. There was one (1) report in 2011 involving a dairy farm manure tanker spillage on the roadway. Henricks stated that the spill history is very minor considering what we have in the area. Henricks stated that he is very impressed with the local businesses. Jon Petroskey stated that the fire department also does inspections and that regulations are being followed.

Pipeline Presentation

Henricks informed the committee that TransCanada Pipeline will be doing a presentation for Langlade County next year (2014). TransCanada is the largest pipeline in the country. The only section in Langlade County the pipeline comes through is from Ackley to Western Avenue.

Current activity updates from the different disciplines

Sartori Cheese– Jon Gougar stated that he sent Greg to Madison to an Ammonia Systems Reliability training course, which was very valuable. This training was more about what can we do to prevent problems. Ammonia is the largest concern from a hazardous material standpoint as far as it relates to affecting everyone around us. The goal is to take steps to prevent leaks. They are taking steps to do inspections on the pipes and will begin stripping, painting and insulating them. Jon also stated that he will be meeting with his VP of Special Projects next week to kick off their planning for the next 2-3 years where they plan to have a pretty big influx of capital being put into the Antigo site. Sartori has identified the Antigo site as the highest priority for capital improvements. They will be expanding by adding more buildings. Jon also stated that they do regular pm's and they are about to schedule compressor overhauls. The other thing from a preparations standpoint they need to get set up with PPE for new suits, masks, tanks etc... Jon Petroskey offered to help Jon Gougar with the purchases.

Red Cross- Lora Hainy informed members that the Red Cross has another free App that you can download for free onto your iphone, ipad etc... This App is at www.redcross.org. This App will give you weather alerts wherever you are by using zip codes and GPS tracking. There is a flashlight, strobe light and alarm that interact with your phone. This App is connected with the National Weather Service. Lora also handed out "Give back to humanity, Become a Red Cross volunteer" brochures and "American Red Cross First Aid App" information cards. Lora also handed out a map with the American Red Cross Western and Eastern Region contact phone numbers. It was noted that there are two different phone numbers but is the same Red Cross, same service.

Sheriff- Bill Greening informed members that there was a MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) meeting recently to implement that system. Sheriff Greening stated he has concerns on the impact on Dispatch, he will be checking into it further. Sheriff Greening asked Henricks to update on the new Emergency Operations Plan locations. Henricks stated that with the EOC Grant funds they were able to purchase 2 base station radios for the WISCOM system (mutual aid). There are dual stations set up in the safety building and a secondary with the City of Antigo. There are also mobile stations.

Jon Petroskey- Petroskey updated members that they are in the process for Level A funding for the Hazmat team. Henricks stated the grant is still in the works and that nothing has changed. This grant process runs from April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014. Petroskey also noted that they are trying to do more with Oneida County to strengthen the Hazmat team.

County Board- Gene Kamps asked Henricks if he would give a small presentation at the next County Board meeting regarding Tornado Awareness. Jon Petroskey and Lora Hainy offered to help with the presentation.

Brad Henricks – Brad informed members that there will be a severe weather spotters training held on April 11, 2013 at the Volm Theatre at 6 p.m. The county is also working on setting up a paging system with Voice over IP for all the county buildings and county workers. Brad also stated that he has received six (6) completed Emergency Operations Plans from townships.

There was also discussion on flooding concerns this year. Brad stated that if we have a rapid heat-up and rain that this could cause problems. Jon Petroskey stated that the Department of Public Works has bags ready. Right now Langlade County is sitting fairly well and should be in good shape.

Future Meeting Schedule

It was decided to meet twice a year or more if needed. The next meeting dates will be August 22, 2013 and February 27, 2014.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting date is set for August 22, 2013.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Sheriff Greening, second by Lora Hainy to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted

Kim Bissonette, Local Emergency Planning Committee Recording Secretary