

CASS COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Cass County LEPC Met at 6pm at the office of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 1227 State Road 17, Logansport, IN 46947. This meeting was rescheduled from November 3, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman. Rocky Buffum was requested to take minutes in the absence of the secretary.

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, April Fillmore, Ed Schroder, Rocky Buffum, Mikel Fort, Herb Detrick, Phil Dials, Felicity Perez, Clint Hazlett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

LEPC UPDATE

Felicity Perez attended the Indiana Emergency Response Commission Conference and reported on her experience.

In previous months minutes it was indicated Alvin Beckman would be meeting with the LEPC Coordinator for Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to check on compliance. This did not happen due to health issues.

TIER II REPORTS

One updated report has been received since the last meeting for 2021.

2022 reports begin coming in December with most coming in January.

Herb Detrick asked if reports are hard copy or electronic. Alvin Beckman reported all are now submitted electronically.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Day will be this weekend at Waelz Sustainable Products (WSP) from 10a-1p. Rocky Buffum and Felicity Perez will be attending for EMA.

NEW BUSINESS

HAZMAT PLAN

A draft HAZMAT Plan was presented. Alvin Beckman will distribute electronically for review. Alvin Beckman reported it was adapted from Allen County's plan and he worked on it with Rocky Buffum and Felicity Perez

2022 MEETING DATES

The newly formed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board meets on Wednesday nights and there are multiple members who serve on both the EMS Board and LEPC. Discussion of the need to change LEPC dates for 2022 was held. It was decided to keep LEPC dates the 2nd month of each quarter, 1st Wednesday of the month at 6pm. The EMS Board will be meeting less frequently in 2022 and it should be possible to offset meetings. EMA Staff to arrange advertisement.

RECENT ACTIVITY REPORT

On October 22 there was a Waste Management Truck fire with diesel leak.

Rocky Buffum provided a report on the response to the Anderson's Anhydrous Ammonia Release in Walton on November 5.

Royal Center had an incident of material left in a recycling bin.

Tyson Foods provided notification to the LEPC of an Anhydrous Ammonia release that occurred on their property and was handled internally.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Alvin Beckman provided an update on his health status.

Howard Boyd passed away. The LEPC recognized his service and commitment as a member of the LEPC.

2022 membership was discussed. We will need a new industry representative to replace Howard Boyd. Jeff Smith was discussed as a possible representative for the transportation sector. Phil Dials will added in place of Michelle Dials for media. Tim Cree has not attended a meeting in two years and needs to be replaced. Mikel Fort will replace Robert Miller for EMS. The Salvation Army Officers have indicated an interest in participating for the community group position.

FINANCIAL REPORT

LEPC Fund Balance reported as \$8,249.08, no expenditures since last meeting. Financial report was unanimously approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded. Next meeting date February 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum