

COMMITTEE: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (SARA) COMMITTEE  
DATE: THURSDAY JULY 22, 2021  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

#### CALL TO ORDER

Lynne Black called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Black, Walrath, Statezny, Denton, Irocky (by video), Jensen

Absent: Swearingen, Gretzinger, Stamper, Childers, Woods, Forest Republican, Snow River Products, Crandon Ascension Medical Group, Anderson, American Red Cross

Others Present: Teresa Erler,

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Denton to approve the agenda as presented, second by Walrath. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON MARCH 25, 2021

Motion by Jensen to approve the March 25, 2021 minutes, second by Walrath. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on LEPC purpose. Discussion on the fact that the Potawatomi Community Center has the pool and whether or not they would need to notify the County or who they would notify if a spill of chemicals occurs. Erler confirmed that the Tribe does report directly to EPA not the County.

#### INTRODUCE NEW EM DIRECTOR-STEPHANIE STATEZNY

Statezny reports that she is new to this position and is in training. She talked about the position. She reviewed the minutes from last meeting and has printed the membership listings and sent out meeting notices to those listed as well as printed the bylaws for the meeting.

#### LEPC REORGANIZATION AND REVIEW LEPC MEMBERSHIP

Unsure if the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe has been participating and have been invited. Recommendation to invite Carmen McGeshick or Chris Quade. Statezny will be going to the EMS meeting and will ask if anyone wants to be invited from EMS. EMS currently meets on a quarterly basis. There are 5 groups of members and if there is a group that does not have a member in it for more than two years then Wisconsin Energy Management would notify the Governors Office. LEPC main purpose is to notify the community of locations where large amounts of chemicals are either used or stored and could potentially be a hazard. The community has the right to know. Forest County contracts with the Oneida Hazmat Team through a grant if there is a spill that needs to be cleaned up. Discussed putting Sheriff Dennee back on the membership lists. Recommendation was made to have all names approved and taken to the County Board before officially changing the memberships. Discussed reaching out to

Snow River about their business. It is the responsibility of the business or facility to notify/report any chemicals they store. If they are not reporting it and LEPC brings the reporting requirements to their attention and reporting does not happen then they could be fined. This excludes the Tribes as they report to EPA. The reason for needing to report the chemicals they use/store is in the event that there is an emergency then we can respond properly. There is a 10,000 Gallon threshold depending on the type of chemical stored.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BYLAW UPDATES

Committee reviewed the bylaws. Discussed the need to update the bylaws.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of LEPC Members

Discussion and further review of bylaws

#### NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on September 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Location to be determined.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Statezny, seconded by Walrath to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 1:49pm.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled LEPC meeting.