

**FOREST COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
MEETING**

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**Date:** 09/19/2022  
**Committee:** LEPC  
**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Statezny  
**Other Appearances:**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** 4:30 p.m. Statezny called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Timothy Davis, Brennen Cook, Lynne Black, Bill Anderson, Sam Blake, Elisabeth Ferdon, Mark Sprenger, Stephanie Statezny & Alex Walrath.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Anderson to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blake. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approve Minutes:** Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24 , 2022 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ferdon. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Public comment:** Statezny stated ICS 300 Course will be offered in Forest County December 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse for Free. Anyone interested please reach out.
6. **Discussion:**
  - a. **First Net:** Statezny talked about FirstNet and how it is available in our area. The sheriff's department has already switched. Deployable tower was used over brush run weekend believe that it helped with coverage for deputies and the few first responders who have switched personally.
  - b. **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant:** HMEPG grant was applied for regionally with the whole NE region. This grant will provide a Hazmat exercise with the entire region. Marathon is the host county and will be submitting the grant and doing the exercise it is encouraged for LEPC to participate locally virtually, will be in January or February 2023. Also, the grant will pay for flow study which will show what types of Hazardous Materials are being transported throughout each county.
  - c. **Emergency Management Grant Changes:** EMPG & EPCRA (Emergency planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) have changed from Fiscal to Calendar year. This year 2021 – 2022 there will be a 15-month grant cycle.
  - d. **Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP):** Statezny explains not only does the cycle of the grant change but the requirements. Counties will need to develop an IPP in 2023 to show what needs/Training their specific county needs and a plan to get it accomplished. This puts more control to the counties to exercise and train based on what their needs are.
  - e. **Round Robin:**
    - Brennen Cook – Crandon Fire Department:** Brennen is the Training Officer for the Crandon Fire Department. He would like to see the county start using WiCams so fire departments could get their members credential under the state system and utilize it when assisting in mutual aide calls.
    - Bill Anderson – Highway Commissioner:** Bill expresses that the sooner that the highway knows that there will be federal money for events the better so they can better track expenses.
    - Timothy Davis – Red Cross:** Attending for Robert, he states that volunteer member numbers are low and they are looking to recruit if anyone is interested. Red Cross is working on updating shelter locations for each county.
    - Sam Blake – WI DNR:** Sam questioned when IamResponding went live and how he could get on the notification list. Statezny expresses it would probably be easiest to have each Fire

Department add him to the roster. Sam was going to check to see how other DNR members were doing it in other areas.

**Elisabeth Ferdon – Social Services Director:** Elisabeth expresses she is new and still learning how she fits into this specific committee. Statezny explains she will be meeting with her to review Emergency Operation Plans and she will have a better understanding.

**7. Discussion and Possible action items:**

- a. **Review LEPC Membership:** Statezny presented the membership list with new members as well as member replacements within their respective agencies. Motion to approve LEPC Membership list and forward to Full County Board by Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson. All in favor, motion Carried.
- b. **Appoint/Election of LEPC Offices:** Statezny Read 3 position descriptions. Explains that it is a two-year term starting in February, therefore positions will be held until February 2024. Walrath states he will take Chair position if no one else is interested. Black states she could hold the vice position however, not the secretary or chair position. Cook questions what the secretary position entails and states he would be willing to learn the position.

CHAIRMAN: Alex Walrath

VICE-CHAIR: Lynne Black

SECRETARY: Brennan Cook

EM DIRECTOR: Stephanie Statezny

Motion to approve LEPC Offices by Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ferdon. All in favor, motion Carried

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Review County Hazardous Strategic Plan
- b. IPP – Start Discussion for 2023 Plan

**9. Next Meeting Date:**

November 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30

**10. Adjournment:** Motion by Black to adjourn meeting at 5:10 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walrath. All in favor, motion carried.