

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

Date: 04/24/2023
Committee: LEPC
Committee Members Present: Alex Walrath, Noel Van Diver, Robert Dorgan, Anthony Weber, Bill Anderson, Stephanie Montgomery, Annie Krawze, Bill Anderson, Kathy Foreman, Brennan Cook, Mark Sprenger
Other Appearances: Ron Kulas

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** 5:00 p.m. Walrath called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Alex Walrath, Noel Van Diver, Robert Dorgan, Anthony Weber, Bill Anderson, Stephanie Montgomery, Annie Krawze, Bill Anderson, Kathy Foreman, Brennan Cook, Mark Sprenger
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Weber to approve the agenda, 2nd by Krawze. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approve Minutes:** Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28th, 2022 meeting, 2nd by Walrath. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Public comment:** Ron Kulas: Brought his business to Forest County out of 6 locations, building a physical location in the Town of Crandon, came to this meeting to see what committee does. He does thermal location services via drone, has drone he can make available for large scale search.
6. **Discussion:**
 - a. **LEPC Membership:** Membership reviewed; no changes needed. Montgomery to update as needed. Motion by Cook to accept list as presented, Seconded by Krawze. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Review Bylaws:** Montgomery reviews if bylaws needed for review. Compliance Inspector discussed as having been added into the bylaws to be filled if needed. No changes noted by committee members.
 - c. **Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP):** Montgomery reviewed what an IPP is and options for accomplishing. Survey will be sent out shortly by Montgomery to local government officials, fire, EMS, law enforcement entities, Tribal Emergency Management, etc.
 - d. **Round Robin**

Annie Krawze: Laona EMS building a new building on Highway 32 near Clark Lane, feasibility study performed prior to building for location.

Noel Van Diver: Planning to resume generator installation for residential homes for all current reservation residences. Updating All Hazard Mitigation Plan currently, good turnout for stakeholders meeting, none for public which they were advised is normal. Question about solar panels on tribal buildings versus generators, explained that tribal facilities with solar are mostly commercial currently and they do not have a banking system for solar power storage.

Brennan Cook: Crandon FD hosted Propane Emergencies Training which was grant funded with participation from surrounding departments. Working on starting planning process for water movement exercise for later this summer.

Mark Sprenger: MABAS being implemented, hopefully getting started in early May, delayed from March 1st. Looking at potential training for Fire, EMS, and law for school-based incident.

Robert Dorgan: Spring has been busy compared to normal, sending volunteers out of state and also large number of local incidents. Local recruitment: Hands Only CPR, Emergency Preparedness for Business, and International Humanitarian Law Class are available and get people involved in Red Cross. Asking for help spreading word about free classes as listed previously to local clubs, groups, business.

Bill Anderson: Flooding concerns around the county this spring. Bridge inspection changing, possibly multiple times per year when banks overflow waterway. Changing due to lessons learned in Iron County, WI from flooding in 2022.

Kathy Foreman: New Director of Office on Aging. Started in Late 2022, working on getting some emergency preparedness for the 5 meal sites and working on getting CPR classes for meal site drivers. Will be talking to Red Cross.

Alex Walrath: Drug trade going strong. Hiring in jail. Looking at focusing more on active threat training.

Anthony Weber: Nothing to report.

Stephanie Montgomery: Working on IPP and implementing MABAS.

7. Discussion and Possible action items:

- a. **Review Hazardous Strategic Plan:** Montgomery asks if there any errors, edits or concerns with the plan offered by the committee. Blake wanted to ensure that DNR should not have a PO Box listed as an address.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. IPP Survey Results

9. Next Meeting Date:

Fall mentioned for next meeting, no further comments.

10. Adjournment: Motion by Montgomery to adjourn meeting at 1746 PM, 2nd by Sprenger. All in favor, motion carried.