

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

Date: 10/17/2024
Committee: LEPC
Other Appearances:

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m. Walrath called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Alex Walrath, Anthony Weber, Stephanie Montgomery, Kathy Fohrman, Brennan Cook, Mark Sprenger, Kathleen Kautz, Thomas Richmond, Tracy Ferraro, Sam Blake, Melinda Chaney, Richard Wirtz, Timothy Davis, Bobbie Irocky, Mike Miller, Morgan Seidl. *(sign in attached)*
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Sprenger to approve the agenda with the amendment of the year of the last meeting minutes changed from 2024 to 2023, 2nd by Wirtz. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Fohrman to approve the 2023 meeting minutes, 2nd by Wirtz. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Public comment:** None.
6. **Discussion:**
 - a. **LEPC Membership:** Membership reviewed; no changes needed. Motion by Miller to accept list as presented and forward to full county board. 2nd by Weber. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Review Bylaws:** Montgomery shared by-laws they were updated in 2022. By-laws reviewed and no updates needed.
 - c. **Compliance Inspector Designation:** Compliance Inspector per by-laws will be requested by the state and assigned from the WEM agency list. No action.
 - d. **Strategic Plan Update:** Current plan was emailed to all members for review. No changes presented. Motion by Cook to accept plan and presented, 2nd by Ferraro. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP):** Montgomery reviewed what an IPP is. She is working to update for the next 3 years and requests recommendations for planning, training, or exercises needed in the county. Cook requests training with Oneida County Hazmat Team for Crandon FD as they are the host for the Forest County Hazmat Trailer. Fohrman requests outreach to meal sites for emergency plans and weather radio training. Irocky is working with Crandon Fire and other supporting agencies for landing zone exercise.
 - f. **Round Robin**

Kathy Fohrman: Commission on Aging is working on installing weather radios at meal sites and working on emergency training for drivers and meal site workers.

Kathy Kautz: Public Health Emergency Planning is planning to get trailer set up for rapid deployment and working on family assistance centers. Recent exercise with Crandon City Hall which was good experience.

Brennan Cook: Mutual aid water movement drill held this summer in Crandon, hosted by Crandon Fire, large improvement from 2022, over 700 gallons per minute moved. Looking to have another department be host in the odd years with Crandon Fire to continue hosting the even years to allow this to continue yearly due to workload and other communities also having needs.

Tony Weber: County Board working on Budget.

Mark Sprenger: Forest County Emergency Services Association (FCESA) and Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) group is working on MABAS with paging. Dispatch getting stable workforce and getting training for them.

Same Blake: Wisconsin DNR is possibly looking at a new ranger station dependent on state funding, stated is in the state budget.

Tracy Ferraro: Name of Social Services going to change to Human Services. There have been some changes to allow them to provide other types of assistance.

Melinda Chaney: School back in session and working to ensure preparedness after situation at school last spring.

Alex Walrath: Sherriff's Department is working getting up to full staff, dispatch right now is short 2 positions. Drug trade is big issue, Violet crimes officer grant was received, domestic abuse is a focus along with active shooter. Otherwise business as usual.

Timothy Davis: Red Cross has busy few months with national deployments for Hurricanes, almost 400 new volunteers within the state. Locally there has not been any requests for response to emergencies. Offering Mass casualty training for EMS.

Thomas Richmond: Mole Lake Emergency Management has 170 home generators being installed, 76 done so far. Cyber security is next goal which is a new task which was just assigned.

Richard Wirtz: County Board District 12 Supervisor is new to the position and learning role.

Bobby Irocky: Trying to grow tribal emergency response team. Was doing well before COVID, was hurt during COVID and now there is interest in growing these teams again. Hopefully going to collaborate with Mole Lake once things have been running and stable.

Mike Miller: County Board District 11 Supervisor has 15 years experience as EMT and 36 years with National Forest system. Learning what the LEPC involves.

Morgan Seidl: Works with Kathy Kautz at the health department, there are other new staff at Health Department, she is learning role and position.

Stephanie Montgomery: Round robin purpose is to help agencies learn what other agencies are doing for exercise and see if anyone needs help or can collaborate. Working on the IPP Update.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- Hazmat Training with Oneida County Hazmat Team

8. Next Meeting Date:

Montgomery will follow up next year, no further comments.

9. Adjournment: Motion by Blake to adjourn meeting at 5:54 PM, 2nd by Sprenger. All in favor, motion carried.

Forest County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Sign In Sheet October 17, 2024 @ 5:30PM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing (Agency)</u>
Anthony Weber	Forest County Board
Mark Sprenger	Emergency Com
Kathy Kautz	Public Health (PHEP)
Thomas Richmond	SCC EM
Alex Walrath	FC SO
Tracy Ferraro	FCOSS
Sam Blake	WI DNR
Melinda Chang	Crandon Rescue
Kathy Schuman	Commission on Aging
Brennan Cook	Crandon Fire Department
Robert Celis	County Board
Timothy Davis	Red Cross
Stephanie Montgomery	Forest County Emerg Manag.
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Bobbie Irocky	FCP Emerg. Manage
Mike Miller	County Board
Morgan Seidl	FCPH - Prep.