

Hand County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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LEPC Minutes 08/14/12

Call to order was made by Rodney Gortmaker at 12:02 PM.

Roll Call: Rodney Gortmaker, Chris Henrickson (Guest), Cory Flor, Nehemia Volquardsen, Tom Lichty, Ron Hoftiezer, Kendall Aldinger (SDOEM), and Tim Zacher.

Minutes: The Minutes were read by Nehemia Volquardsen. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Cory Flor, seconded by Nehemia Volquardsen. Minutes approved as read.

Bids and Claims: All bids and claims approved or rejected, on behalf of the LEPC are included in the county commission minutes.

Salaries of Officers and Employees: As required by SDCL 6-1-10, the yearly payroll paid to the LEPC was as follows: \$0.00.

Discussion:

Haz-Mat Spills: Nehemia Volquardsen reported that there were no haz-mat spills to report for this last bi-monthly period.

Grant Information: Nehemia Volquardsen updated the members on the 2012 Homeland Security Grant process, the local grant meeting, the parties attending the meeting as well as the projects from this meeting in order of importance. The List of projects are: Security Cameras and Equipment – Miller Elementary School, Generators – St. Lawrence and Ree Heights communities, Permanent Generator – Miller Fire Department, Siren & Battery Back up – Ree Heights and St. Lawrence, Mobile State Radios - Miller Police Department, Portable State Radios – Miller Police Department. Nehemia also informed them that these projects will now go to the region meeting for voting to see which projects in the county, if any, get funding. The Law Enforcement representative with a vote will be Wayne Ames for Miller Police Department and County Representation will be Nehemia Volquardsen.

2012 Full-Scale Exercise: Nehemia Volquardsen updated the members that there are currently four members on the planning committee and stated that it would be appreciated if he could get more representation on the planning committee. Cory Flor said that he would if he was available to help on the planning committee. There was some discussion between Nehemia and Rodney Gortmaker about Rodney serving on the planning committee, but it was understood that Rodney had served previously and would like to participate in the exercise as well. Nehemia explained that seeing there is representation from the ambulance in Tom Lichty and Miller Fire Department by Steve Resel that Rodney could be excluded from participation in the planning committee.

Communications: Nehemia Volquardsen updated the group on the Nixle program having more than 200 subscribers as well as setting up Nixle accounts for South Hand Fire Department and Hand County EMT's, and asked the group to encourage others to sign up for this free service. There was some discussion by Chris Henrickson regarding the use of Nixle and what needed to be posted on Nixle and what did not in regards to weather. There was also discussion by Chris Henrickson as to what needed to be broadcast over mutual aid channels and what didn't in regards to Weather and Wildland fire indexes.

Public Health: Tom Lichty reported that Department of Health would be coming to inspect Phase II, and with permission from Department of Health they will commence moving in to that part of the building. The hospital will also be hosting an open house on August 23rd to look through the old building. On September 1st, they will then begin Asbestos abatement in the old building. After approximately 2 weeks they will begin destruction of the old building. On approximately September 14th, they will have an open house for their Phase II addition. He also went on to explain that they will start Phase III sometime in the winter and Phase IV probably will not begin until spring.

Education: Tim Zacher updated the members that work is progressing on the new elementary school. They are a little behind schedule, but he is hopeful that they will catch up once the earth moving crew is completed with their end of the project. School starts next week, August 22nd. The goal is to have the building enclosed by the winter so that they can stay on track working in the building during winter.

Public Works: Ron Hoftiezer gave a brief report that the roads that are recently paved will be tender until they cure.

Water/Sewer: No Report

Electrical: No Report

Finance: No Report

City of St. Lawrence: No Report

City of Ree Heights: No Report

Public Safety:

Sheriff's Office: No Report

Miller Police: No Report

Highway Patrol: No Report

Game, Fish, and Parks: Cory Flor reported that construction at the Rosehill Dam will be delayed due to the Topeka Shiner being present in the creek. The survey of the area will take approximately a year so they are looking to begin construction by next August. He also reported that the Lake Louise dam access road is pretty rough and that he is in contact with a group to grate the road w/ new gravel to the dam. The goal is to next month have it fixed up to and over the dam.

Fire Departments:

Miller: Rodney Gortmaker reported that their next meeting will be Monday (August 20th) if anyone would like to attend. There was also some discussion that we have been fortunate to not have as many fires with the dry conditions we have been experiencing. The group estimates that there will be more fires with folks harvesting and cutting silage.

Ree Heights: No Report

Wessington: No Report

South Hand: No Report

Polo: No Report

Other: No Report

Ambulance:

Wessington Ambulance: No Report

Hand County Ambulance: Tom Lichty reported that they had, had trouble with one of the openers to the ambulance bay, but they did not find any issue that should have caused the problem.

Other: No Report

Private Sector: No Report

Media/Public Information: No Report

Hearing no other business before the members Ron Hoftiezer made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Cory Flor, and the meeting stood adjourned at 12:28 PM.

The next meeting will be held October 9th at 12:00 PM in the Miller Fire Hall.