

LEPC Minutes 10/09/12

Call to order was made by Rodney Gortmaker at 12:05 PM.

Roll Call: Rodney Gortmaker, Tom Lichty, Terry Manning, Todd Waring, Ron Hoftiezer, and Rob Tong

Minutes: The Minutes were read by Nehemia Volquardsen. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Tom Lichty, seconded by Terry Manning. 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 was one haz-mat spill of approximately 5 gallons of diesel fuel at the Pump N Pak and that Miller Fire Department is to dispose of it according to DENR regulations.

Grant Information: Nehemia Volquardsen updated the members on the 2012 Homeland Security Grant process. The regional meeting for voting was held on 09/24/12 with Nehemia and Chris Henrickson present as the law enforcement and county representation. He reported that there were 2 projects submitted for voting (1) Miller Elementary School Security Equipment, and (2) St. Lawrence Town Hall/Fire Hall generator. He reported that they had received funding of \$12,000 to the Miller Elementary School project, but due to some other large projects by counties present. They were unable to get funding for the St. Lawrence generator.

2012 Full-Scale Exercise: Nehemia Volquardsen updated the members on the full-scale exercise that was conducted in the community of St. Lawrence. He informed them that the exercise was a missing teenager and grandparent. The exercise definitely had its low points, but it also had its high points. The group asked what the major issue with the exercise was. He told the group the major issue that came through was the lack of communication, appropriate channel, and communication of roles. There was some discussion by Tom Lichty and Ron Hoftiezer about what they felt went well and not-so-well in the exercise. Ron had pointed out that coordinating the resources responding was a very difficult task, and Tom pointed out that it was a great learning opportunity for Jim as he had never been in that role before.

Communications: Nehemia Volquardsen updated the group on the Mutual Aid-West tower situation, and that Sioux Falls Two Way believes that the wind towers are creating interference with the tower. He explained that we have had Sioux Falls Two Way at our tower site checking it, and they have also been at 911 dispatch checking their equipment as well and that everything tests out fine. He told the group that it is a combination of the

wind towers and narrow banding that have caused a big problem with our radio communication. The group discussed alternatives and Terry had commented that other counties send out a text with their pages to ensure that everyone receives the communication for their perspective departments. Nehemia told him that he felt this was a logical idea, and that the request to do so should come from the entities involved in the program. He told them that he would discuss it with Doug to see what could be done. Todd made some discussion on possible solutions that he and Doug had been discussing. Ron asked if they could move the repeater to the water tower, and Tom pointed out that the Ree Hills have a natural elevation which probably aided in the selection of the tower site. It was a consensus of the group that something needed to be done in regards to the tower.

Public Health: Tom Lichty reported that asbestos abatement was behind schedule for the old building, but the abatement crew should be in Thursday and it will take approximately 2 weeks. The goal is after abatement to begin destruction of the building on the 1st of November. He also reported that they are having issues with the hospital generator not wanting to start up in the cold weather. The hospital and assisted living are now hooked up to the new city power system.

Education: No Report

Public Works: Road: No report

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: No Report

Fire Departments:

Miller: Rodney Gortmaker reported that their next meeting will be Wednesday (October 17th) if anyone would like to attend.

Ree Heights: No Report

Wessington: No Report

South Hand: No Report

Polo: No Report

Other: No Report

Ambulance:

Wessington Ambulance: Tom reported that on October 10th, they would be having a defibrillator training course at 6:30pm.

Hand County Ambulance: Rodney reported that an ambulance meeting would be tonight. Tom reported that Monte will be on through the end of

October, and after that date things could interesting regarding the ambulance and responding to calls. Rodney informed the group of a Hunters Breakfast at the Armory on October 20th & 21st hosted by the Hand County Ambulance Crew.

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 Tom Lichty, and the meeting stood adjourned at 13:01PM.

The next meeting will be held December 11th at 12:00 PM in the Miller Fire Hall.