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The Miller Press

114 West 3rd Street, PO Box 196 (sent via email: news@themillerpress.com)

Miller, South Dakota 57362

Re: Minutes of the LEPC

Dear Miller Press,

Please publish the following minutes:

The February 9, 2016 Local Emergency Planning Committee me for a regular meeting in the courthouse assembly room with the following members present: The Miller Press (Kim Sporrer), Jeff Tong, Ron Hoftiezer, Tim Zacher, Tom Lichty (vice chairman), Charles Fawcett, Rod Gortmaker (chairman), Stephan Resel, Jeff Hargens, Alex Roeber and Doug DeBoer (acting secretary). No guests were present.

The meeting was called to order by Gortmaker at 12:15 P.M. DeBoer read the published minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting. It was moved by Fawcett, seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes as resented. DeBoer reported there is no financial report because the LECP does not have its own finances and no members are paid for their service. Alex Roeber introduced himself to the committee. Roeber also reported on reports available on the Emergency Management website, NIMS compliance for responders and elected officials, and invitations to meetings be held.

DeBoer reported that a public NIXLE group was created so members of the public could receive controlled burn notifications the same as public safety officials do. To enroll the user would send a text message to 888777 and place "co33cb" in the body of the message (minus the quotation marks).

The election of officers was initiated. No members were nominated from the floor. After discussion, it was agreed that the 2015 chair and vice chair positions would remain. It was moved by Resel, seconded by Fawcett to nominate by unanimous ballot the current members to remain the same for 2016 and to allow DeBoer to remain secretary (and Public Information Officer) on a temporary basis. The motion passed. DeBoer also reported on the memorandum of understanding his office entered into with the Miller Fire Department were the rescue (jaws unit and support vehicles) will be dispatched to accidents where there is a chance of injury or confinement rather than calling one after arrival. This agreement is only within the Miller Fire District at this time. DeBoer also said that plans still exisit to invite the Orient Fire Department onto the county's Mutual Aid Radio System.

The committee asked Roeber if he, as Emergency Manager, would continue the trend where the EM would also be the secretary for the LEPC. Roeber was approved to the secretary upon motion of Hoftiezer, seconded by Fawcett with all present voting in favor thereof.

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: Fire Fighter 1 & 2 class, ICS/NIMS training to be held for responders, the ID badge process and distribution of those badges by the emergency manager.

There being no further business before the LEPC, upon motion by DeBoer, second by Hoftiezer, the LEPC was adjourned until the next meeting on April 12, 2016. LEPC meetings are open to the public.

Doug DeBoer-acting secretary

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