

August 17, 2023

Online Attendees: Loren Zimmerman (Panhandle Pipeline), Michelle O'Hare (Hillsboro Industries)

Called to order at 9:02 AM.

Roll Call- Individuals in person introduced themselves and the agency they represent. Online attendees were introduced by Marcy.

Approval of Agenda- Ben made a motion to approve the agenda. Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting- Correction: strike "Katie with EMS is an instructor." A motion was made by Melissa to approve the minutes from the last meeting with the correction. It was seconded by Curt. Motion carried.

Public Comments on LEPC's Mission and Functions – None. Marcy noted that LEPC minutes could be viewed on the Marion County website.

Communications- None. Marcy relayed that the Fire Chiefs have asked to receive notification of ICS classes available. Marcy asked if others would also be interested in receiving this information. Krista stated that she was not interested in receiving these emails.

Announcements/Facility Updates-

EMS- Curt shared that EMS has received a new ambulance and they are still waiting on a radio.

Fire- Matt reported that he is Chair of the County Fire Chiefs Association. It is anticipated that they will be going away from 10-codes. They have formed a subcommittee to review countywide burn policy.

Ben reported that they are looking at requirements for burning brush piles (under "Fire Danger Index"). Brush piles are not allowed to be burnt during the month of April per EPA policy. Marcy shared the NWS Fire Weather Information website. Ben said they ordered a heavy brush truck in November 2021 and it arrived last week. The truck's capacity for water is 1500 gallons. This coming Monday and Tuesday Nathan Brunner will be conducting a Wildland Firefighting class. They have two new firefighters.

Environmental Health/Flood Plain/Planning and Zoning- Sharon reported that there have been lots of livestock wells being drilled due to the drought. They are in an appeal period for flood plain maps. Planning and Zoning has been very busy. The installation of the wind farm is winding down. The wind farm is not currently generating energy. There was a new state legislation that requires all wind farms to have ADLS lighting. Several new structures are going up.

Hospital- Lindsey from St. Luke stated that she is currently filling the interim HR position. Scott Brazil will be taking over the safety portion of Lindsey's position. They have a new CEO that will start at the end of the month.

Long Term Care – Melissa from Peabody Health and Rehab shared that they experienced a power outage during the last storm. They recognized that they may need to get some more flashlights. Marcy offered to meet with facilities following incidents such as storms.

Stephanie from Parkside reported that their staff completed CPR training in July. She stated that the instructor was from McPherson.

Bethesda/Salem Home did not have anything to add. Marcy additionally noted that EM has a drive-thru tent available for facilities to use for events. The tent takes at least four people to set up.

Public Health- Krista said that the health department staff also took CPR training last month. All but one staff member participated. The health department has been doing more vaccinations over the last month, mostly routine childhood vaccines, related to school starting. School inspections will begin in a couple of weeks at all K-12 schools in the county. Marcy added that preparedness month is September. There will be preparedness Facebook posts going out.

Law- no report

School Districts- no report

KDEM- Marcy explained that there is a new Emergency Preparedness tab available on the Marion County website. Marcy shared about the What3Words app and explained what it is. She reported that the app is free.

Old Business-

- There will be an election of LEPC secretary at the November meeting.
- There was nothing to report regarding additions/changes/questions about By-Laws
- Matt Hein is a new CPR instructor providing training. Marcy has his contact info if you are interested in scheduling a class. There is an upcoming class in Hillsboro.
- The switch for the tower trailer is on backorder. There was a suggestion to contact Elcon for a switch.

New Business-

- There is a handout at the check-in table listing future LEPC meeting dates/proposed topics. Marcy asked if members are liking the Tier 2 presentations and if anyone had suggestions for presentation topic.
- Road & Bridge administration, Planning and Zoning/Environmental Health, and Emergency Management have been approved to post an RFP for the remodeling of the old salon building at 1240 Commercial in Marion.
- The county has been hit hard by cyber-attacks. DHS and CISA were in Marion on Tuesday. There have been many swatting calls received by law enforcement.
- Marcy talked about IPPW (Integrated Planning Preparedness Workshops) and the three-year plan. In 2024, fire stations are planning a radio game exercise.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024, presentation by Panhandle Pipeline, at Burns, KS.

Adjournment- Ben made a motion to adjourn. Melissa seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.