

Adams County Local Emergency Planning Committee

February 9, 2009

A meeting of the Adams County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held Monday February 9, 2009 in Room A231, Adams County Courthouse. Vice Chair Florence Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The meeting was properly announced.

Roll call of members showed present: Florence Johnson, vice chair and county board representative; Darrell Renner, Sheriff; Jane Grabarski, Emergency Management; Todd Hanson, City of Adams Police; Scott Firlus, Wisconsin River Cooperative; John Schwingel (for Jodi Stormoen) WI DNR; Heidi Roekle, WDKM Radio; and David July, Chief Deputy. Excused/absent were: Dean Morgan, Chair and county board representative; Linda McFarlin, Public Health; Ron Chamberlain, Highway; John Frantz, Rome Fire Department; Jane Bader, Times-Reporter Printing Company; and David Howard, Moundview Memorial Hospital. Also present was Pam Oxman, American Red Cross district office director.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting as printed by Hanson/Renner. All in favor, approved.

Countywide Level B Hazmat Team status:

Discussion was held that negotiations with Juneau County to provide contracted service with their existing Level B Hazardous Materials team continue at a slow pace. The proposed annual contract cost to Adams County will be \$8000 with funds coming from existing hazmat carryover account, not the general or contingency funds.

Motion: to approve a letter from the Adams County LEPC designating Juneau County as the Level B Hazardous Material team contracted for service for all of Adams County by Renner/Firlus. All in favor, approved. This letter is a requirement of the Adams County Strategic Plan.

A resolution designating Juneau County as the contracted Level B Hazardous Material team was discussed. Juneau County will be contacted to see if they have developed a resolution that can be brought before our Public Safety & Judiciary committee and the Adams County Board for their approvals. This resolution is also a requirement of the Adams County Strategic Plan.

The Level A Hazmat team covering Adams County is based in Oshkosh/Appleton area with a minimum response time of 2 – 2 ½ hours. This team can only be dispatched by the State of Wisconsin when specific spill or release conditions are met. Adams County has been fortunate to this point not incurring a serious hazardous materials spill or release affecting our population or our resources.

Incident: Adams County had a hazardous materials tanker hauling ethanol overturn on State Road 21 on February 1, 2009 that required 9 hours of mutual aid from the Marquette County Hazardous Materials team. The cost of this response will be billed to the trucking company. If there was not a responsible spiller, the costs would be borne by State of Wisconsin funds.

2008 Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Computer & Equipment Grant (EPCRA) status:

The EPCRA computer grant application in the amount of \$10,000.00 was due February 4, 2009. A request for an extension has been applied for and approved pending the Hazmat contract finalization. Juneau County Hazmat will be determining the needed equipment and computers for this grant money.

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Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Bylaws, review of:

Motion: to approve the current LEPC Bylaws with the date of February 2008 by Firlus/Renner. All in favor, approved.

LEPC Members, review & recommendation for appointment:

Motion: the LEPC recommends the Public Safety & Judiciary Committee forward to the County Board the following for appointment to the LEPC by Firlus/Roekle: Scott Switzer, Moundview Memorial Hospital and Clinics (replacing David Howard); Marcia Kaye, Times-Reporter Printing (replacing Jane Bader); addition of Pam Oxman, American Red Cross. All in favor, approved. Grabarski to verify the Switzer and Kaye appointments with their employers.

Policy & Procedure for Review of Hazmat Reimbursement Claims, review of:

Motion: to table this review item until the Juneau County Hazmat contract is finalized as they may have their own policy and procedure to the next meeting of this committee by Firlus/Hanson. All in favor, approved. Our current policy and procedure will remain in effect until a contract is signed.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Compliance Inspector, designation:

Motion: to designate the State of Wisconsin as the Compliance Inspector for Adams County LEPC by Roekle/Firlus. All in favor, approved.

Adams Countywide Strategic Plan, update of:

Grabarski discussed the proposed changes needed to update the Adams Countywide Strategic Plan that develops policies and procedures for responding to hazardous materials incidents and/or incidents. Tier II reports for 2008 from facilities with extremely hazardous chemicals or other hazardous materials are due by March 1 and will be incorporated into our plan when received in the office.

Currently there are three EPCRA Offsite Plans out to the facilities for updates. The remaining three are due for updates prior to September 30, 2009 to meet state guidelines.

Public Input:

There was no public input. Grabarski did share the exercise program the county has been involved in since the start of 2008. There have been six exercises with four of them being four-county exercises with counties of Adams, Juneau, Columbia and Sauk. Two upcoming EPCRA exercises are planned for May and June with the Quincy and New Chester Fire Departments.

Next meeting date of this committee will be Monday August 10, 2008 at 9:30 AM.

Motion to adjourn Hanson/Firlus. All in favor, approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Grabarski, Secretary

These minutes have not been approved by the committee.