

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 1, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Brian Gehrig, Clarence Puza, Tom Emond, John Sager, Dan Kuzlik, Andy Gee, Ken Kortenhof and Dawn Robinson, Program Assistant.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Miller (Wisconsin Public Service), Elmer Goetsch (WXPR: Media Representative).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Doug Duchac, Nick Scholtes, Linda Conlon, John Sweeney, Terry Williams and Dick Johns.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gehrig called the meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order in the Community Room at the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center at 1:00 p.m. Chairperson Gehrig noted the meeting notice had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made. Elmer Goetsch is the North East Wisconsin Chairperson for the Emergency Alert System and will be representing media (WXPR) on LEPC. Nominations will be brought to the County Board of Supervisors in August for official appointment.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Puza/Miller, PASSED).

MOTION: To approve the January 14, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes (Kortenhof/Kuzlik, PASSED).

RESIGNATION/APPOINTMENT OF LEPC COMMITTEE MEMBER

Doug Duchac replaces Kevin Schlosser, Elmer Goetsch replaces Brian Sharp, and both Jeff Miller and Tom Emond will be appointed.

MOTION: To approve appointment of both Elmer Goetsch and Doug Duchac (Kortenhof/Puza, PASSED).

John Weigel and Greg Plautz:

Both are members of the Rhinelander Fire Department and have completed the probationary period, no concerns.

MOTION: To take both John Weigel and Greg Plautz off of probationary period and place them as regular HazMat members (Kortenhof/Emond, PASSED).

It was mentioned the department would be receiving three additional HazMat Team applications (Andy Nelson, Glen Kortenhof and Jeff McDonald).

HAZMAT TEAM REPORT

Correspondence Letter:

The State is rewriting Chapter 166, Emergency Management, pertaining to reimbursement of local HazMat Teams. If the spiller is unable to pay, then the State reimburses local Teams.

There was discussion regarding HazMat incidents, reimbursements from the State and reimbursements from the spiller.

MOTION: To authorize the Emergency Management Director to send a letter to the State requesting State reimbursement for local HazMat spills to remain in Chapter 323 (Kortenhof/Gehrig, PASSED).

HazMat Team Report and minutes were provided, Exhibit #1 and Exhibit #2.

The Director referred to a Regional HazMat Meeting in Plover addressing funding allocations. The Director, HazMat Chief and Chief Williams were in attendance. Funding for the Wausau HazMat Team and the Rhinelander Fire Department would be reduced (Wausau cut by \$40,000.00 and Rhinelander Fire cut by \$10,000.00 with monies distributed evenly among Madison and Milwaukee). The Director addressed funding and the group (State Regional Teams) agreed to submit a letter to the State requesting money to be reinstated to Wausau. However, Oneida County and Rhinelander Fire were asked not to attend the last meeting. As of today, State Team Directors did not sign letters as anticipated and contracts were due yesterday. It was explained Regional Teams sign a contract every two-years. The Director will have an opportunity to discuss the issue with the Adjutant General in July.

ITEMS FOR AND REPORT FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Planning Facilities & Reporting Facilities:

Oneida has seven planning facilities with extremely hazardous substances, forty-seven reporting facilities with extremely hazardous substances above the threshold planning quantity amounts and Rhinelander Reservoir is no longer classified as a planning facility. There was discussion regarding the new treatment plant.

1:50 p.m. Andy Gee attended meeting.

Oneida County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update:

Sub-committee members were identified, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is updating plan section by section, next meeting is scheduled for July 30th and the revised plan is due by 2010. An invitation was extended to Kuzlik (UW Extension) to take part in the revision process.

Nokomis Ambulance:

Gee stated response to Minocqua is better, is a benefit and thanked the Director for relocating/establishing Med 4. History: a Rhinelander ambulance was moved to Nokomis, serves as a second out ambulance for both hospitals and is staffed 24/7. At

this time, Med 4 has conducted approximately twenty-four transports since operating and staffing the ambulance on June 8th, 2009. Revenue exceeded expectations.

Hodag Country Festival Emergency Response Plan:

Campers are allowed into the grounds beginning July 4th, response plan is complete, communications are setup and operational, and a generator will be dropped off for the Pine Lake Fire Department next week.

Oneida County Fair Emergency Response Plan:

This year the fair will be located at Pioneer Park, in the City of Rhinelander on August 14-16. Developed a *draft* response plan, anticipate attendance to double due to location, have identified shelters, will obtain plan approval from City officials and have scheduled the next meeting at Pioneer Park to go over plan. Fair Official (Werres), Rhinelander Fire Department and Emergency Management were involved with plan development.

Nokomis Fall Ride Emergency Response Plan:

Fall ride is scheduled for September 19th, large assembly permit was obtained, and an additional ambulance will be staffed at the Nokomis Fire Department. Tomahawk Police Department will be involved with plan development.

MABAS Implementation Status:

Fire departments are proceeding with Mutual Aid Box Alarm System to assist with large-scale incidents. Fire departments are identifying backup departments (mutual aid assistance) and are required to have each fire chief per department to sign MABAS cards. A meeting was scheduled with the State on June 16th, dispatch procedures and frequencies (IFERN) were discussed.

Public Safety Radio Narrow Banding Plan:

The deadline to switch from wide-band to narrow-band is required to be completed by 2013, Oneida County may request an exemption from FCC to keep the EMR 2 frequency (pagers operate on a wideband frequency) in order to page out all departments/first responders as most members are only notified via pager. This would allow fire departments/first responders time to budget for purchase of new pagers. The State coordinator has been notified of the request and the Director stated a Switchover Plan (2010) needs to be developed.

ITEMS FOR AND REPORT FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

None.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BILLING FOR SPILLS

Two bills have been prepared/billed for spills. The Town of Stella had no responsible billing party, was a minor incident, container was transported and chemist disposed of product. The State was billed \$519.00 for reimbursement since no responsible billing party was identified, hence argument for revision of Chapter 166/Chapter 323 of the State Code.

MOTION: To approve billing the State \$519.00 for reimbursement of the Town of Stella HazMat incident (Kortenhof/Kuzlik, PASSED).

Lake Tomahawk spill had a responsible party, Dave Teresinski (Northland Petroleum). Teresinski was working at the old BP Station and tried to fix the tank, pumped diesel fuel into a plastic barrel, filled barrel up and continued to keep pumping fuel out. A bill was generated for \$3,757.11. The DNR indicated the spiller does have insurance and has a claim number that was provided to the contracted company for mitigation of product.

MOTION: To approve billing Dave Teresinski (Northland Petroleum) \$3,757.11 for reimbursement of the Town of Lake Tomahawk HazMat incident (Kortenhof/Emond, PASSED).

REI was the company that responded on scene the day after the spill occurred. REI applied oil dry to the spilled product, mitigated majority of spill and disposed of the drum. REI spoke with and is working with insurance agent regarding payment and will return to the incident to continue mitigation. Amount spilled is unknown.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

There was discussion regarding the number of copies presented to Committee members.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Develop agenda as needed.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2010. LEPC Rules of Operation allows the Chairman to set meeting time, there was discussion regarding changing the time to 1:30 p.m. and the Committee agreed to meet at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

2:10 p.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Kortenhof/Emond, PASSED).

Brian Gehrig
Chairperson

Dawn Robinson
Program Assistant