



LAKE COUNTY
Local Emergency Planning Committee / Citizen Corps

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Meeting: LEPC

Date: 4-17-2024

Meeting called to order by Kory Reck, Chairperson

Present: April Denholm, 911 Manager; Brady Christiansen, Ramona Fire, Kathy Hansen, MRHS, Wren Murphy, Madison Daily Leader, Bryan Bisson, Nunda Fire, Kelli Wollman, Lake County Commissioner; Terry Reck, Wentworth Fire, Mayor Roy Lindsay, Kelly Dybdahl, Madison City Commissioner, Kody Keefer, Lake County Emergency Manager

Agenda: Approved. #1 Kelly Dybdahl #2 Bryan Bisson. All ayes.

Public Comments: none

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved with the following corrections:
Kory Reck present and called meeting to order and Kody Keefer was absent.
#1 Terry Reck #2 Kelli Wollman. All Ayes.

Treasurer report: Kody provided the report with the amount \$22, 175. This includes the LEPC grant of \$1229.47. Expenses since 2023 were for food with CISM meetings and Fire. Kody passed a copy of the report to members for review. Treasurer report approved. #1 Mayor Lindsay #2 Kelli Wollman. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

SARA Tier II Reporting

Kody presented a SARA Tier II manual. Each business should provide a listing to 1st responders, Emergency Management, and Elected Officials. He stressed the importance of keeping the manual secure for security reasons. Terry Reck asked if the requirement carries over across county lines, i.e. T&R located in Moody County. Recommended it would be a good practice but is not required. It was noted Active 911 has the function to map various locations of hazmat, bridges, etc... Privileges to complete this is usually given to the fire chiefs. If someone needs access to complete mapping let April know.

VHF Radio Project

Kelly Dybdahl reported on the final project cost of \$68,000, purchase of 2 repeaters and 122 VHF Radios for Fire and REACT. A loan from Heartland Energy was approved by the Heartland Energy board for \$58,000. Kelly stated 2 grants have been submitted TC Energy for \$60,000 and BNSF for \$1000, awaiting to hear from them. Brady explained the loan is ran thru the Ramona FD. Ramona FD set up a separate checking account for donations/loan for this specific project. Ramona FD received a check for \$15,000 from the Chester FD, from an anonymous donation. Brady stated the equipment has been ordered and each fire department would need to pay \$2500 for 5 years unless the loan is repaid earlier.

April questioned the FCC license so she can set up the frequency with 2-way.

Discussion was had on setting some funds aside to maintain the system/operations cost of the project.

Kody asked if the new repeaters would be considered county property. Kody will check into this. Discussion was had on the trade in value of radios and the repeater. The new northwest repeater was purchased by Lake County. VanTek will work with each fire department to collect the old radios.

P25 Radio

No issues voiced. April reminded everyone if anyone needs to do testing to call 911 Communications.

Terry Reck stated he started the 501c3 process for Wentworth Fire.

April stated she has a surplus of speaker microphones if anyone is in need.

NEW BUSINESS

LEPC Exercise

Kody reported the LEPC is only required to do a table top in 2024, functional table-top 2025, and a full-scale in 2026. The exercises have to have a HazMat component.

A sub-committee for exercise planning will be formed, ideas for exercise included, response to an electric vehicle incident, incident at ethanol plant. Bryan Bisson volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Open Floor Discussion

Burn Ban

Discussion was had on how to improve communication/education to the public for when a “Burn Ban” is in affect for Lake County. Kody stated it is on the County website. He stated, “Whenever there is a Red Flag/ very high or extreme fire danger, the county ordinance for a Burn Ban is automatically put in place,. Discussion was had on having the city send out text using the mass notification system. Mayor Lindsay would work with Tess to see if this would be an option. It was noted anyone in Lake County can sign up for mass notification texts, thru the City of Madison website.

Severe Weather Week

Kody reported on the sirens that did not function when tested on 4/10/24.

Plans/LEPC bylaws

Pre-disaster mitigation plan, by-laws for LEPC, and the HazMat plan were all updated in 2023.

HazMat supplies/Education

Discussion was had on what the county has for equipment/supplies if there was a large hazmat spill and education for class B HazMat awareness and HazMat operations.

AFG Grant

Kody provided an update regarding the AFG grant to purchase LUCAS devices.

Not all fire departments are eligible for the grant as not all Fire departments complete reports to National Fire Incident Reporting System, NIFRS.

Traffic Incident Management

Kody stated training is scheduled for Traffic Incident Management on May 15th at the 4H grounds from 6pm-10pm.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators week

April reported it NPST week. Be sure to thank the dispatchers.

Identification cards

If anyone needs new ID cards to see Kody.

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#1 Bryan #2 Brady. All aye

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Hansen

LEPC Recording Secretary