

## Minutes of LEPC Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Piechowski at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call shows the following were present: Norm Weiss, Tom Dahlke, Joe Piechowski, Ken Williams, Nick Cluppert, Dick Kalata, Mark Kerschner, Mark Schumacher, Vicki Jenks, Sally Sroka, Lynn Boening, Dave Algrem, Patti Wohlfeil and Dawn Shuman.

Motion made by Tom Dahlke and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Norm Weiss and seconded by Mark Schumacher to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

### REPORTS:

Lt. Boening :

Advised that there was left over H1N1 funding that could be used to pay for a reverse 911 program such as Code Red.

The County is still working toward narrow banding from 25 Mhz to 12.5 Mhz. Northway Communications is expecting to move the entire County to the narrow band in the spring of 2011. All of the County agencies are prepared for this but not sure about all of the Fire Departments. She advised that there is another grant coming available this fall that could help any Fire Departments that need equipment to be ready for the narrow banding.

Lt. Boening advised that there is a project in the works to provide WIFI through out the county. Not too much is known about the company that is working on the project right now. There may be some discussion on using or renting the tower structures they put up, or staying with our own towers.

In January there was a meeting at Redgranite Correctional to go over the updated response plan that includes Village and County response to an emergency at the facility.

Update on the All Hazards Mitigation plan has been approved by FEMA and we are just waiting on two villages to approve the changes and get back to Lynn.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Governor's Conference will be held in Appleton at the Paper Valley Hotel.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. there will be a tornado spotters class at the Wautoma Fire Department that is open to everyone.

There is a new explosives company that is being located in the Town of Coloma, Lt. Boening has the company information available. Mark Schumacher advised that an address number is being assigned to the property.

Lynn reported that the Emergency Operations Center has the new equipment in it that includes telephone lines and electrical cords that can be brought down from to ceiling to different table and there is a wireless router and

ability to have video conferences. There is also a second TV and they are working on getting the cable connected to have access to CNN and/or weather information.

#### **Patti Wolfeil –Public Health**

Reported that for 2010 there will be decreased funding for Public Health. She stated that they have also reduced the number of consortiums from 11 to 5 and that we are now in the Northeast Region which is a combination of three consortiums and there are now only three staff members for this region where they used to be three staff for each consortium. She also advised that they have the same number of objectives even though the funding and staff is down.

Patti reported on the mass clinics for the H1N1 vaccine and stated that everything seemed to work well, one difficulty they encountered was ordering of the vaccines. She stated the hospital and clinics in our county seem to do well.

There are five objectives; updating plans, training competency testing and training, an exercise for mass clinic, performance measures and taking care of the at-risk population.

#### **Old Business**

Action on ESF 6, Human Services Development was tabled.

Discussion and possible action on LEPC Membership, Lynn Boening advised that Dave Algren had been contacted and he was present today, and also Mary Kunasch of the Waushara Argus had been contacted. There is still a vacancy for the Radiological Officer and Dawn Shuman had a suggestion of someone to fill the spot, she will check with them and get back to the committee.

#### **New Business**

Vicki Jenks of the American Red Cross was present and gave a report of Red Cross activity in Waushara County. The Red Cross Disaster Trailer is now located at the Wautoma Fire Station and is ready for use. She was promoting the American Red Cross HEROES event that has a goal of raising \$10,000.00. She is confident that they will achieve their goal. She invited everyone to concerts that are held at her home. She also advised that they are reaching out to churches, service clubs and she will be speaking with to the Fire Chief's Association. Nick Cluppert added that they have had some success in adding volunteers due to a recruitment effort. Vicki passed out a couple of handouts on up coming events and Red Cross information.

Ken Williams gave an Agriculture Department update. He passed out a handout with information with statistics from Waushara County agriculture which included areas of concern for emergency management and emergency responders.

Lynn advised the annual approval for Compliance Inspector and the information that the County uses the State Inspector. Tom Dahlke moved to accept the use of the State Inspector and Mark Kerschner seconded, motion carried.

The County Wide Plan was looked over and Lynn advised that the types of hazardous materials that the County has dealt with that are not listed are explosives, there were a couple of incidents involving grenades that needed special responders called in to detonate them. Mark Schumacher brought up that the number of miles of streams should be 150 miles. Dawn moved to approve the County Wide Plan with the changes, Patti seconded and the motion carried.

Warden Dave Algren advised that there would be a public hearing tonight at 5:30 at the Wautoma PAC on the deer numbers. He expected it to be a lively meeting. Also on April 12<sup>th</sup> the annual spring hearings will be held. Fishing season is open now for catch and release and on the first weekend of May the regular season opens. Mark Schumacher advised that there would be no gypsy moth spraying this year and added that they found the reports from last year were tent caterpillars.

Dave also talked about illegal burning material such as tires and furniture and that the DNR does not have any authority to issue citations or enforce this law. They can tell people to put out the fire but have no legal recourse for the burning. It was discussed that possibly a County ordinance could be adopted to cover this and that it could go through Chris Hinz as Environmental Health Manager.

Round Table Discussion –

Dawn Shuman advised that the hospital will be opening a new clinic in Coloma by this fall. She also wanted to say that she felt there was great cooperation during the H1N1 clinics between the hospital, clinics and the County Departments they worked with, that it was outstanding.

Mark Schumacher reported that a groundwater bill is in the works that will give the DNR the authority to regulate well permits, SB620 and that we should keep an eye on this.

Nick Cluppert reported that the American Red Cross is planning on a sheltering exercise with their volunteers in May. They had several new volunteers this year due to a recruitment effort and they had nine that were continuing to come to trainings and meetings. He also stated that the Waupaca office had a job opening that would be ½ time Emergency Services person. Nick reported that they have responded to four incidents so far this year and three of them have been in Waushara County.

Ken Williams advised that the Agricultural markets are all down and he believes the farmers are going to have another difficult year financially.

The next meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Department.

Motion was made by Lynn Boening and seconded by Dawn Shuman to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Motion carried.

All committee members were present at the conclusion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted – Sally J Sroka