

03/22/22 LEPC Meeting Minutes

Members Present: K. Nowaczyk, R. Walker, B. Missal, R. Ristovski, J. Huppert, D. Pastrick, R. Taylor, & R. Greenwood.
Guest: R. Wilkinson from LCHSEMA also present.

Meeting called to order at 9:005 A.M.

Meeting Minutes: The February 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept made by B. Missal , Second by B. Walker. Motion Approved.

Financial report: M. Stevens not present to give report however P. Petrie created one and sent via email 3/18/22 prior to the meeting. Report reviewed, Motion to approve financial report by B. Missal, Second by J. Huppert. Motion approved.

B. Missal asked if the LEPC would contribute \$19,000 towards the purchase of an Area Rae. We need to replace 6 units at approx. \$ 19,000 each. The Lake County Fire Chiefs Association & Hazmat team are pursuing grants towards this project (received to date over \$19,000: \$14,615 from The Legacy Foundation, \$1,000 from CSX Railroad & \$4000 from Erie Insurance received so far) with a few grants we applied to waiting for an answer. Bill said we can look at this again in September or October to determine what funds are needed.

Correspondence: Tier II reporting

Committee Reports:

- Dist. 1 Healthcare Preparedness Coalition:

J. Huppert gave Covid update:

21 new cases a week ago Friday, 10 new cases last 7 days. Daily average is 1.9
ICU Beds – many available. Also, plenty of ventilators available. Every hospital has increased availability.

- Lake Co. Health Dept

advised there will be a drive thru Covid testing in the pole barn behind Health Dept. at 2900 W. 93rd Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307 (Bldg. # 3 Vector Covid Drive Thru Testing). This begins on 04/04/22 and will run through 06/30/22. Appointments are not required. Hours will be Monday 10am – 6pm (with lunch 1-2pm); Tuesday – Thursday 9am – 5pm (with lunch 1-2pm), Fridays closed and 1st Saturday of each month 9am – 1pm.

Spring break may cause a peak in Covid cases 7-14 days after next Friday. There are no recordings with at home testing so numbers may be skewed.

- Hazmat Team:

B. Missal advised some members from the team participated in a Volunteer Fair at Crown Point Community Foundation at Crown Point High School; this Thursday @ 6:30PM there will be a photo opp and meet/greet with the Foundation & the Hazmat team. They are doing a story about us for their 2021-year end newsletter.

Attended a preplan meeting for Leon's triathlon, team will have the Area Rae's deployed during event.

Attended a walk through with Kamera Chlorine in East Chicago, IN. We need to replace some chlorine sensors and we are working with them to see if they will donate.

Working on a walk through with Wolf Lake Terminals & Mason Metals.

'22 HMEP grant was signed by Commissioner Repay and is now waiting approval with Director Cox. A P/O has been generated and was sent to the company to start the ordering process for a Dome Leak simulator and Pipe Leak Tree. Should arrive in 3-4 weeks. We will use the empty trailer by pole barn to house training equipment.

Director Walker advised he hand delivered the \$40,000 check with Bill Missal to Merrillville Fire Territory for the purchase of the Hazmat Team Equipment truck. The title has been turned over and we are awaiting license plates. Once that is done, truck will be placed in service.

- **INDOT**

R. Greenwood advised I-94 hard rolling shoulders plans (multiple packages) were submitted to see which one INDOT selects.

US 30 is becoming Interstate I-76. It will start at State Road 49 and go east to the State of Ohio

Old Business:

- Bylaws changes were reviewed. Meeting locations were changed to 2900 W. 93rd Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307 and Tier III reports review the Chairman name was removed & changed to LEPC Chairman so there is no need to change with future Chairman changes. Finally, the Internet Access form can be removed. Lake County has a policy in place. J. Huppert made a motion to accept these changes to current policy to be re-written and a new proposed Bylaws will be presented once complete for approval. B. Missal seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- None

Good of Order:

J. Huppert advised Emery Garwick (ER Preparedness Coordinator at Methodist Hospitals & District 1 Chair has been in the hospital. He was very sick but is now improving. D. Pastrick asked if we can send a card from the LEPC, J. Huppert said he will take care of it.

R. Walker said he has an upcoming meeting with M. Swiderski re: RAVE. The group would like to invite 911 group to be part of LEPC. Will invite to next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Huppert, second by R. Walker. Meeting adjourned at 09:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by R. Wilkinson for P. Petrie