

LEPC MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2001

Rich Szczepanek called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Willie Beattie John Edwards Jim Hancock Paul Hascher Bill Lamain Sindee Maxwell
Dale Myaard Chief Jerry Paauwe Susan Paauwe Dianne Phillips Susan Ream Bonnie Schuitema
William Smith Chief Rich Szczepanek Les Toth Sen. Wm. VanRegenmorter
Rick Velderman Paul Ziegler

Members Excused:

Scott Braak David Dongvillo Capt. Dave Guikema Anne McManus
Randy Mergener Chris Pfeiffer Myra Reimink Cornelius VanderKam

Members Unexcused:

Michael Averill Lt. Larry Beld Mark Bethke John Crozier
Dick Davis Al Federico Pete Jazdyk John McDonnell
Earl Mokma Chuck Pistis Doyle Stratton

Guests: Lt. Don Woodward, MSP-EMD; Jack Hankiewicz, Consultant; Randi Wolters, Johnson Controls; Tim Blumer, Johnson Controls.

Approval of 5/16/2001 Minutes: Jerry Paauwe made the motion to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded and approved.

Handouts: Community Right-to-Know Manual Bulletin, EPA Fact sheet, and Red Cross brochures.
Executive Subcommittee (Rich Szczepanek)

Planning Subcommittee (Jim Hancock)

The following plans were reviewed and approved:

- Johnson Controls Interiors – Beechwood - Note * change the facility managers name from Dan to Donald Wilkenson
- Johnson Controls – Logistics Drive
- Herman Miller – Formcoat - Note *check on weight of Sulfuric Acid

Submit these 3 plans contingent upon a name change, for Johnson Controls Interiors – Beechwood and the weight of Sulfuric Acid for Herman Miller. Plans approved, with corrections.

Public Information Subcommittee (Randy Mergener)

Randy was not present; members of the committee state that they have not met.

Business/Industrial Outreach Subcommittee (Willie Beattie)

- The Zeeland CAER group is looking into a presentation, by companies in the city, to the community. The presentation will be utilized to present the companies emergency response plans. Tentative date is September 11th from 11am to 2pm, targeting local industry and 7pm to 8pm targeting the public. LEPC involvement is desired.

- Willie stated his concerns regarding the possible dangers posed by the new power plant in Zeeland, Mirant, formerly Southern Energy. He stated that the plant is relatively safe, and that Herman Miller is further investigating how Mirant might affect the community during a disaster. George Keefe, plant manager of Mirant, has been invited to participate in the LEPC and Zeeland CAER
- Willie proposed that the LEPC initiate a countywide drill addressing the need to deal with new power plants coming up in the county.

Emergency Response Subcommittee (Myra Reimink)

The committee is currently working on getting funds for magnets for Shelter-in-Place. Sindee Maxwell has a detailed list of products with prices, etc.

LEPC Conference Subcommittee (Dianne Phillips)

Dianne suggested using the distribution of NOAA weather radios, to special needs groups, as an opportunity to have a mini session which would include education regarding the benefits, usage, (hazmat releases broadcasted) programming of NOAA weather radios etc. The session would provide an opportunity to investigate whether or not the Special Needs Groups have a plan in place.

Paul Hascher suggested a general Expo for Emergency Management combining all aspects of its duties where breakout sessions are included, with presentations from all areas. One of the breakouts can include the concept above. He states that it would generate a broader audience. Paul was asked to work with the conference subcommittee to develop a more detailed proposal to be sent with the agenda for September.

Old Business:

Young's Environmental: Major concerns were expressed regarding response from Young's Environmental. Willie suggested that we develop a report, including the specifics of responses from Young's. The goal would be to summarize a level of satisfaction. It was suggested that this be completed before a new contract is signed.

Certificates of Appreciation: Certificates were presented to Bonnie Schuitema, CloverLynn Aalderink and Cindy Marinko for helping to staff the booth at the Agricultural Fair.

New Business:

The Ottawa County Fair and the Hudsonville Fair: We need volunteers to staff the booths. The booths will be a coordinated event of LEPC, Emergency Management, American Red Cross, ARES, RACES, OCCDA, etc. Sindee Maxwell has asked Dianne Phillips to type a short information sheet, regarding different areas of Emergency Management, so all volunteers can handle questions.

We were honored to have Senator William VanRegenmorter attend our meeting. The Senator presented a Senate Declaration of Tribute to the LEPC.

Next meeting date is September 19th, at the Grand Haven Township Fire Department located at 13250 168th Avenue; (The NE corner of Ferris and 31.)