



LEPC MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2008

Chief Dan Henderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Gerry Dawson, David Geurink, Paul Hascher, Chief Dan Henderson, Dr. Adam Kantrovich, Sindee Maxwell, Anne McManus, Randy Mergener, Dianne Phillips, Chris Saddler, Bill Smith, Amy Swords, Beth Thomas, Paul Ziegler

Members Excused: Bill Denmark, Lt. Lee Hoeksema, Don Hutchens, Lis McNeil, Susan Paauwe, Bonnie Schuitema, Ken Walits

Members Unexcused: Michael Averill, Blain Bechtold, Tom Bosscher, Helen Cox, Dr. Paul Heidel, George Keefe, Eric Klingensmith, Earl Mokma, Chris Pfeiffer, Myra Reimink, Gord Schrottenboer, Rich Szczepanek, Steve VanderHill, Rick Velderman

New Members Introduced: None

Guests Present:

Handouts:

Minutes May 21, 2008 The minutes were approved as sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Subcommittee: (Dan Henderson)

- The subcommittee met to find a replacement for Su Pauwwe as chair of the Outreach committee. She is no longer able to chair due to restrictions of her new job. A discussion was held regarding the structure of the subcommittees. It was determined that we have the flexibility to change the organization of the subcommittees. The Planning subcommittee will be eliminated as Dianne already does the work that is under that committee. Amy Swords will be the Chair of the Outreach committee.

Planning Subcommittee: (Amy Swords)

- Dianne Phillips reported that 2 new plans and 6 revised plans were submitted to the state during their last fiscal year and she is currently working on three updates.
- The Tier II information is available to view on the DEQ website by authorized users. Tier II reports now have to be filed electronically.

- The process has been started to put the plans on flash drives to have in the patrol vehicles and possibly for distribution in general to the regular recipients. Three have been completed so far.

Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee: (Randy Mergener)

- Planning on bringing PowerPoint to the Hudsonville Fair.

Outreach Subcommittee: (Su Paauwe)

- Absent-no report

Training & Exercise Subcommittee: (Paul Hascher)

- We are reorganizing to get active again. Regular meetings of the subcommittee will be scheduled
- They will provide guidance and support to staff

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on HLS Grants
 - 06 is done
 - 07 not totally released yet. The funds for Planning have been released and allocated
- NIMS update
 - Because the 07 Grant money is not there yet a blanket request will be written. Once this is done classes can be scheduled.
- Fairs
 - The schedule to sign up volunteers has been sent to the Red Cross for the Berlin Fair. The short turnaround time will make filling all of the spots difficult. Many more volunteers are needed. With a longer time frame before the Hudsonville Fair (Aug 18-23) we should be able to get more volunteers.
- 2009 Conference
 - Ideas for the 2009 conference were given. They included
 - Public Officials and CEO's
 - Dairy
 - Food industry
 - Preparedness by the Red Cross

NEW BUSINESS

- Severe Weather declarations
 - Ottawa County has received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for damages sustained in the severe weather incident in June of 2008
 - There is no assistance for private damage
 - July 23rd there will be an applicants briefing to outline the procedure for applying for damage reimbursement

- Three of the major applicants will be the Ottawa County Road Commission, the Ottawa County Drain Commission and the City of Holland.
- Ottawa County has also received an Agricultural Declaration.
 - Any producers are encouraged to contact the FSA office.

HAZMAT/TECH RESCUE TEAM UPDATE

- No calls for HazMat team or Tech Rescue
- September 8 HM will be going to Lansing for an eight hour refresher course.
- Request Foods has agreed to let the Tech team use their facility for training
- Request Foods has been fined by the EPA. This money can be used by the County for programs instead of paying it to the EPA.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting date will be September 17, 2008

TRAINING

- Chip Franke from the Ottawa County Parks Department gave an informative and interesting presentation on the wide variety of Parks within Ottawa County and the vision that they are working towards. One of the facilities available through the Parks Department is a house used for meetings called the Weaver House. By consensus it was decided that the next meeting of the LEPC will be held at the Weaver House on September 17th , 2008

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned.