

Cass County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Alvin Beckman, Bob Ehle, Jr, Bob Curry, Sharon Gerlach, Liz Troxell, Herb Bowman, Herb Detrick

Alvin Beckman reported Robert Kasting, long time LEPC member, passed away in October. A moment of silence was observed.

The minutes of the August 2014 LEPC Meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 PLAN UPDATE

Alvin Beckman shared a document titled "LEPC Planning Resource Guidance" from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). Alvin highlighted the website provided a plan template for use, as well as a list of contacts including vendors available to help with planning. Extra discussion was held on the Commodity Flow changes resulting from completion of the new highway.

2014 ETHICS TRAINING

Alvin Beckman shared an e-mail from Justin P. Forkner, the new IDHS Coordinator for ethics training required for LEPC members.

NEW BUSINESS

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE (IERC)

In 2015 the IERC and Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana (EMAI) will be combining conferences.

The group discussed supporting changes to the state proxy policy to allow all LEPC members to designate proxies. Currently only government employees may designate proxies.

An updated planning guide for Hazardous Materials was provided.

Alvin Beckman reported on special considerations for responding to incidents involving Bakken Oil. Alvin Beckman reports this oil comes from fields in North Dakota and is more volatile than standard crude oil shipments. IDHS is to hold a press conference on the topic Friday.

2015 BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Alvin Beckman reported the categories for representatives to fill have changed. Robert Kasting filled the local government roll. Rocky Buffum joined the LEPC while working for the American Red Cross and is currently in the “community groups” role. Rocky Buffum now works for local government. Dan DeAngulo, Emergency Management Coordinator for Grissom Air Reserve Base is interested in joining the Cass County LEPC.

Alvin Beckman recommended Rocky Buffum be moved to the “local government” role representative and Dan DeAngulo be appointed to fill the vacant “community group” role.

Alvin Beckman’s recommendation was approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

2015 MEETING DATES

2015 meeting dates were proposed as February 4, May 6, August 5 and November 4. The meeting time is to remain 6PM. The 2015 meeting dates were approved on a motion duly made and seconded. Alvin Beckman is to arrange for the required publication of meeting dates.

RECENT EVENTS

Emergency Management responded to an incident involving two semi trucks that collided. The initial estimate was 50-75 gallons of diesel fuel spilled. Alvin believes 25-50 gallons of diesel fuel were involved. Alvin reports responders were able to stop the leak before it reached Kenneth Lake.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The budget has been approved. No financial activity to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum
LEPC Secretary