

# Indiana Emergency Response Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

### INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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**Meeting Date:** January 10, 2022

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM (Indianapolis time)

**Meeting Location:** 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168 and via Microsoft Teams

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#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** (in person participation unless otherwise noted)

Joel Thacker—State Fire Marshal, Chairperson

Larry Hamby—Designee for IDHS Executive Director

Peggy Dorsey—Designee for IDEM Commissioner

Bruce Palin—Public Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Jeff Larmore—Local Government Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Cara Cyrus—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Jim Pridgen—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Vincent Griffin—Public Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Chris Barr—Designee for Superintendent of Indiana State Police

Shawn French—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Casey Kenworthy—IDHS

Amanda Horner—IDHS

Mike White—IDHS

Hillary Egan—IDHS

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Thacker. He welcomed everyone to the January Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) meeting. Chairman Thacker talked about the College Football Championship being held in Indianapolis. Chairman Thacker announced that Amanda Horner was leaving the agency for Colorado. Received notification that Stephanie McKinney was stepping down from the commission.

#### **QUORUM**

Ms. Horner indicated a quorum was present after the roll call, with ten (10) members in attendance.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Mr. Pridgen made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Palin seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes	Mr. Hamby—Yes	Mr. Griffin—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Mr. Palin—Yes	Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Dorsey—Yes	Mr. Barr—Abstain

**ROSTER APPROVAL**

Ms. Horner reported 11 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) have submitted rosters for membership appointments or approvals between November 11, 2021, and January 10, 2022. Mr. Cyrus made a motion to approve the changes as submitted. Mr. French seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.** A copy of the roster report detailing the changes is attached.

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes	Mr. Hamby—Yes	Mr. Griffin—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Mr. Palin—Yes	Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Dorsey—Yes	Mr. Barr—Yes

**OLD BUSINESS**

***America’s Water Infrastructure Act Update***

Ms. Horner reported that the AWIA update has been uploaded on Tier II Manager. She stated that additional work was required to update contacts on the site.

***2022 LEPC Compliance***

Ms. Horner opened the discussion on 2022 LEPC requirements. After much discussion, a motion was presented by Chairman Thacker. Mr. Griffin made the motion, Seconded by Mr. Palin. The motion was to continue the LEPC requirements from 2021, to include no meting requirements and no exercise requirements. All other requirements remain.

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes	Mr. Hamby—Yes	Mr. Griffin—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Mr. Palin—Yes	Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Dorsey—Yes	Mr. Barr—Yes

***PFAS Foam Collection Program***

Chairman Thacker reported on the PFAS foam project. PFAS foam or AFFF foam is a known hazard to the environment and people. A survey was sent to all fire departments and other agencies who may have fluorinated foam to get an understanding of the amounts throughout the state. Currently, over 15,000 gallons has been identified. Chairman Thacker said the goal is to get the contractor to start the collection the first quarter of 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

### ***2021 LEPC Compliance***

Ms. Horner discussed the current compliance status. 5 counties are missing plans. 3 others are missing documents. Not the final compliance report of the year. The final report will be presented in March and voted on for approval.

### ***MOU-IDEM/IDHS/IERC***

The MOUs will expire in March. They are presented for you to review before the March meeting. They will be voted on in the March meeting.

### ***LEPC Member Stipend Increase***

The process to increase was discussed. The rate is statutorily fixed and would need legislative change to increase. Other ideas about LEPC membership were discussed.

### ***IERC Meeting Location and Attendance***

Mr. White talked about the possibility of moving the meetings around the state to get better participation from the LEPCs. Mr. Pridgen talked about the past meetings being held outside of central Indiana and the good participation. Will be revisited in March.

### ***Membership***

Chairman Thacker talked about the changes on the commission. Mike White will be replacing Larry Hamby as the IDHS Directors Designee. There are 2 other positions open for Local Government Representative.

### ***Awards***

Awards were presented to Larry Hamby and Amanda Horner for their service to the IERC.

### **SARA TITLE III PROGRAM REPORT—SARA Program Staff**

The LEPC Program Manager completed the LEPC fiscal report review. She also worked with IDSi and in house IT staff to get the Tier II Manager yearly maintenance package uploaded, which included the AWIA module. The Program Manager attended a meeting with the SARA Program Manager and IDEM to discuss the best practices for incident reporting. The Program Manager also visited several LEPC meetings and exercises. She assisted other IDHS staff on completing a training webinar for new EMAs. The LEPC Program Manager has been assisting the SARA Program Manager when available on Tier II season.

The SARA Program Manager organized and hosted a Tier II reporting webinar for facility users to watch and learn how to submit Tier II reports in Tier II Manager. He also worked with IDSi to perform the yearly Tier II Manager system rollover, and also worked with IDHS public affairs to send out an email blast to Tier II Manager users reminding them of the beginning of the Tier II season. He also attended a meeting with the LEPC Program Manager and IDEM to discuss the best practices for incident reporting in the Tier II system, and also visited several LEPC meetings and exercises with the LEPC Program Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hamby made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes

Ms. Cyrus—Yes

Mr. Larmore—Yes

Mr. Hamby—Yes

Mr. Palin—Yes

Ms. Dorsey—Yes

Mr. Griffin—Yes

Mr. Pridgen—Yes

Mr. Barr—Yes

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

March 14, 2022

1610 reeves Rd.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Joel Thacker, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

