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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)
POLICY/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Northern Monroe Fire Territory
5081 N. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, Indiana 47408
May 16, 2017, 10:00 AM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ian Ewusi—IDHS
Jeff Larmore—Local Government Representative
Cara Cyrus—Business and Industry
Representative

Allison Moore—IDHS
Laura Steadham—IDEM
Becky Waymire—Morgan County LEPC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Shawn French—Business/Industry Representative
Matt Bilkey—Designee for ISP Superintendent

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE PHONE

Jim Pridgen—Business and Industry, Chair

The following Commissioners, staff and audience members were present:

Charles Heflin—IDHS
Adam Theimann—IDHS
Marc Torbeck—IDHS
Ken Griffin—Clark County LEPC
John Hooker—Monroe County LEPC

Justin Guedel—IDHS
Stephanie McKinney—Gibson County LEPC
Krystal Hackney—IDHS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Pridgen welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a determination of quorum.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Heflin advised there was a quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion to accept the March 13, 2017, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Larmore and seconded by Mr. Ewusi. No further discussion occurred.

Roll call vote

Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes

Mr. Larmore—Yes
Ms. Waymire—Yes

Ms. Steadham—Absent
Mr. Ewusi—Yes

Ms. Moore—Yes

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

No old business on the agenda for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pridgen introduced the meeting topic *Use of LAG Funds*. Mr. Pridgen turned the meeting over to Mr. Ewusi who introduced the IDHS Chief Financial Officer, Adam Theimann. Mr. Ewusi explained to the Committee that his previous position, IERC Coordinator, has been vacant since he was promoted to Hazmat Section Chief. Mr. Ewusi explained that he is very taxed in his current role and hiring a replacement IERC Coordinator would help alleviate some of his workload. Mr. Theimann introduced himself and explained how he was still learning the various funding sources within IDHS and that he had been meeting with Mr. Ewusi to discuss filling the open positions. Mr. Theimann explained that the current IDHS budget did not include funds to replace the IERC Coordinator job but there was an MOU in place with IDEM to fund the position through June of 2017. Mr. Theimann noted that a budget request can be made to the General Assembly in August of 2018 but there would be a two year gap in which alternative funding sources would need to be identified in order to fund the IERC Coordinator position. Mr. Theimann noted that he had been working with Mr. Ewusi to identify alternative funding sources and to use the LEPC Assistance Grant (LAG) funds to fund the position would require \$60,000 a year for the next two (2) years which would include fringe and benefits. Mr. Theimann stated that this kind of request would have to go through the state budget agency and he had already presented the LAG proposal to them and they have approved it for two (2) years only. Mr. Pridgen noted that he was pleased with the work that Mr. Ewusi and Mr. Theimann had done and he suggested the Committee move forward on this proposal. Mr. Larmore stated that he was also satisfied with the work that Mr. Ewusi and Mr. Theimann had done and agreed that the IERC Coordinator position needed to be filled as soon as possible. Ms. Steadham asked Mr. Guedel if this proposal was statutorily supported based on what the LAG funds were designated for. Mr. Guedel advised it was. Mr. Pridgen requested a motion to move this matter to the full Commission meeting. Mr. Larmore made the motion and was seconded by Ms. Moore.

Roll call vote

Mr. Pridgen—Yes	Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Steadham—Yes	Ms. Moore—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Ms. Waymire—Yes	Mr. Ewusi—Yes	

Motion Carried

Mr. Pridgen introduced the meeting topic *Clark County Special Project Request*. Mr. Heflin introduced Mr. Griffin who is with the Clark County LEPC. Mr. Griffin explained that the Clark County LEPC would like to purchase an online weather station using LEPC funds and he provided the Committee with copies of meeting minutes from the two (2) previous Committee meetings. Mr. Griffin noted that the weather station would be installed at a location in the county and would be used during hazardous material releases. He noted the cost on February 23, 2017 of the weather station was \$922.00 but that price has now gone up to \$1087.00 as the market for these devices is very volatile. Mr. Griffin noted that the Clark County LEPC had reached an agreement with the Clark County Regional Airport to install the weather station on the airport office and that it would be mounted away from anything that would generate erroneous readings. He explained that the weather station they were seeking to purchase would come complete and would need to have internet access to view the readings generated by the station. He noted the Clark County Regional Airport would allow them to connect to their internet source at no charge to the Clark County LEPC. Mr. Pridgen asked Mr. Griffin if the Clark County LEPC had available funds to purchase this weather station.

Mr. Griffin stated they had roughly \$5,000 in their account and they were just asking for permission to spend the amount requested. Mr. Larmore requested to know if the National Weather Service (NWS) had any weather stations in the region. Mr. Griffin noted they did not have any stations in the region and that the NWS has been active in their decision to purchase the weather station and a representative from the NWS would be assisting Clark County LEPC in installing the station at the airport office. Mr. Ewusi requested to know who would own the weather station. Mr. Griffin advised the Clark County LEPC would be the owners. Mr. Larmore asked if the Clark County LEPC would be responsible for maintenance and upgrades of the equipment. Mr. Griffin stated that the LEPC would be responsible for those expenses. Mr. Griffin explained that with the station connected to the internet weather data would be available in real-time to whomever knew the website to address the data. Mr. Griffin advised the NWS office in Louisville would also be utilizing the data collected from the weather station. Mr. Pridgen asked if Mr. Griffin would be able to attend the Commission meeting in case any of the IERC Commissioners would have questions about the station. Mr. Griffin advised he would plan on attending the Commission meeting later in the day. Mr. Larmore made a motion to allow Clark County LEPC to purchase the weather station and was seconded by Ms. Steadham.

Roll call vote

Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes

Mr. Larmore—Yes
Ms. Waymire—Yes

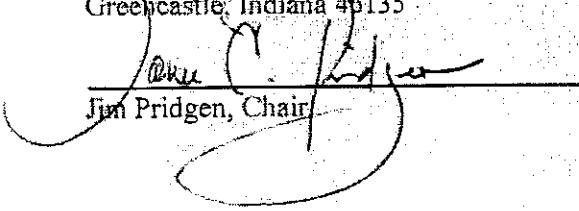
Ms. Steadham—Yes
Mr. Ewusi—Yes

Ms. Moore—Yes

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING

July 10, 2017
Putnam County Emergency Operations Center
1600 West County Road 225 South
Greencastle, Indiana 46135



Jim Pridgen, Chair