

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Manitowoc County EOC
1024 S 9th St, Manitowoc, WI
September 22, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shavlik at 9:01 am.

Roll Call: Jamie Aulik, Jessica Backus, Todd Bergmann, Deb Holschbach, Stephanie Lambert, Gary Shavlik, Bob Wenger, James Falkowski, Travis Waack, Kayla Beckerdite

Approve Minutes of March 2021 Committee Meeting: Ms. Holschbach motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting with spelling edits, Mr. Aulik seconded. The minutes with edits were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Chairman Shavlik opened for public comment, no public was present. Public comment was closed at 9:02 am.

Election of Vice Chair: Chairman Shavlik advised that the former Vice Chairman stepped down from the LEPC. The requirement of a law enforcement representative is met with Dave Funkhouser being appointed to the LEPC, however a new Vice Chairman needs be elected. Ms. Holschbach nominated Jamie Aulik as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Falkowski. Mr. Aulik accepted the nomination. Chairman Shavlik asked for additional nominations for Vice Chair twice, no additional persons were nominated. A motion to elect Mr. Aulik as Vice Chair was made by Ms. Holschbach, seconded by Mr. Falkowski. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vote to Designate the State of Wisconsin as the 2022 Compliance Officer: Mr. Waack explained that this was a routine vote and that the Manitowoc County LEPC traditionally designates the State of Wisconsin as the compliance officer. This is because they have the staff and expertise to serve as compliance officer full time and are better able to work with facilities not in compliance. Mr. Aulik motioned to designate the State of Wisconsin as the 2022 Compliance Officer, seconded by Ms. Holschbach. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote to Approve the 2021 Facility Plan Updates: The new and updated facility plans were sent out via email by Mr. Waack. Mr. Waack explained that Manitowoc County contracts SJA Consulting to create/update all facility plans. Once these plans are approved, they are given to local fire departments as a first step for HazMat incident responses. These plans are also available to the public through the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. Each year approximately 10% of the total number of plans for Manitowoc County are updated, in addition to the creation of any new and necessary plans. New plans are created when businesses acquire a threshold of hazardous materials that meet a planning quantity. Ms. Holschbach motioned to approve all 11 of the 2021 Facility Plans and Updates, seconded by Mr. Aulik. The motion carried unanimously, with 1 abstention.

Update on Hazmat Responses: Mr. Waack provided update on the only HazMat response that has occurred since March. A truck carrying oxidizing material tipped over as it was leaving a quarry site and spilled the oxidizing material into the roadway. This HazMat incident occurred just a couple days after signing the contract with Appleton Fire Department to be the sole provider of HazMat response services for Manitowoc County. The response went very smoothly, Appleton Fire Department responded in a timely manner and all involved county fire departments were impressed.

Update on Emergency Management Operations: Mr. Waack provided update on emergency management operations. The department finalized and signed a HazMat contract with the Appleton Fire Department. After this contract was finalized, excess hazmat equipment was offered to local fire department at the August County Fire Association Meeting. The more specialized equipment previously owned by the Manitowoc County HazMat Team was offered up to departments who submitted proposals of need and how their departments could use them. Any remaining HazMat response equipment was accepted by the Appleton Fire Department and absorbed into their response inventory. The trailers that were used previously by the Manitowoc County HazMat Team are being repurposed into various areas by the emergency management department. The smallest trailer has been gifted to the Regional trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) for use. The other two previous HazMat trailer have been absorbed into the County Emergency Management inventory.

Mr. Waack advised that the department plans to add a pet shelter trailer, response trailer, facility support trailer, and communications trailer to department inventory to supplement the existing shelter trailer. The department continues to work with former hazmat members to refocus them towards nuclear event response prep. Mr. Waack is hopeful that these team members could also become temporary employees of the emergency management department when needed in times of response.

Manitowoc County completed the bi-annual Point Beach Nuclear Plant exercise last week and received no findings from FEMA. FEMA staff were very complimentary of the work done by Manitowoc County. The sirens previously owned by Point Beach Nuclear Plant are being decommissioned due to federal approval being granted to use IPAWS as the primary alerting method for a nuclear event. Before deconstructing these sirens, Point Beach did offer them to the municipalities they reside in at no charge to the community, and some jurisdictions did choose to keep and maintain their sirens. Additionally Mr. Waack is hopeful that in FY22 the Village of Mishicot will be moved out of 5 mi EPZ and into the 10SW EPZ. This is because the Village of Mishicot has always been outside of the 5 mi EPZ radius, just historically included. Precautionary evacuations are proven to be more dangerous than remaining in place, and removing the Village of Mishicot from the 5 mi EPZ will lower the risk associated with evacuating that EPZ.

Lastly Mr. Waack advised that it is very likely that Manitowoc County will use some of its allotted ARPA funding to replace the county's mobile command vehicle. The new mobile command vehicle would include a large conference space, a galley area, and small mobile communications area. Manitowoc County also saw a few small flooding events over the summer, both of which impacted the Town of Schleswig and caused road washouts The Town of Schleswig has requested state funding for repairs. Finally, Manitowoc County is now a certified storm ready County per the National Weather Service.

Adjournment: Mr. Falkowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lambert. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am