

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Manitowoc County C&T Building

1024 S 9th St, Manitowoc

March 8, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shavlik at 9:00 am.

Roll Call: Gary Shavlik, Bob Wegner, Joe Jeanty, Todd Bergmann, Stephanie Lambert, Dave Murack, James Falkowski, Deb Holschbach, and Kayla Beckerdite.

Approve Minutes of September 14th, 2022 Committee Meeting: Ms. Holschbach made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Ms. Lambert seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: No public present at the meeting.

Review By-Laws: Ms. Beckerdite stated there had been some changes made in wording to the by-laws in 2022, no other changes had been brought to Ms. Beckerdite since. Motion was made to approve as written, then to submit to corporate council, seconded by Mr. Falkowski.

Recommendation to County Board for remainder of Dave Funkhouser's Term: Ms. Beckerdite recommended Joe Jeanty, the newly appointed Kiel Police Chief, to replace Dave Funkhouser for the remainder of his term. Mr. Bergmann moved to approve Joe Jeanty, to be recommended to the county board for approval, Ms. Holschbach seconded. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Update on Hazmat Responses: There have been no hazmat responses since Ms. Beckerdite took over as the director in October, 2022. We have worked with Appleton hazmat for a few drills and will continue to do so for upcoming drills.

Update on Emergency Management Operations: Ms. Beckerdite provided an update on emergency management operations. Betsy Olson was hired in January 2023 as deputy director of emergency management and will be primarily supporting that side of the department.

The county's new mobile command post was delivered in March 2023, with the hope to be fully operational by the beginning of May, in order to be operational for the rescue task force training and drill. This provides a significant upgrade from the old hazmat vehicle, including a meeting room in the front with space for up to 10 people, a galley and storage space in the middle section and a dispatch center in the rear to be used for tactical dispatching on large scale events. Before radios and extra technology, the cost was approximately \$750,000, after extra items were included the cost is nearly \$1,000,000, which was funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The county will be selling the old hazmat vehicle.

Nuclear plant information: FEMA graded nuclear drills are completed every 2 years, Hostile Action Based (HAB) drills, take place every 8 years in that cycle and will be taking place this coming August, as well as a drill in July and a pre-drill in March. The hostile action based county plan had been updated within the past year, prior to that the last update was made in 2014 at the time of that last drill. Appleton Hazmat will be sending additional personnel to the reception center to assist with the drill and exercise. Kewaunee Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office will be participating in the same type of drill coinciding with Manitowoc County.

Mr. Shavlik requested to be able to see the new command post at the next meeting, Ms. Beckerdite suggested holding the meeting at the office complex due to the extra space that bring the command post to the meeting. Mr. Shavlik inquired what, if any, associations that are willing to deploy the vehicle. Ms. Beckerdite explained that if the command post is used for any law enforcement needs, the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office will be deploying it, for all other needs there will be a list of certified on call drivers, the first two to respond when notification occurs will respond.

In late February 2023 there was a weather event that occurred, which presented the possibility to have to open a shelter in Kiel due to lack of power from flooding in the area. Ms. Beckerdite had informed Human Services, the Health Department and the Red Cross of the matter, and requested they have staff on standby in case a shelter would be needed. Fortunately, the power came back on and a shelter was not needed, and it ended up being a great drill for communication between the departments.

Adjournment: Ms. Lambert moved to adjourn, Ms. Holschbach seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 am.