

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

January 10, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Supervisor Leo Naidl, and Supervisor Norb Vogt. Supervisor Nick Muench was excused.

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, Rhonda Green and Brenden Riley.

Chair James Falkowski called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the prior meeting from November 8, 2023. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Norb Vogt and second by Supervisor Leo Naidl with all present voting in favor.

The Chair noted that the monthly reports and monthly financials were sent to all members.

Call for public input. No one from the public was present and public input was closed.

Chair Falkowski asked Rhonda Green, Emergency Services Director for her update. Ms. Green introduced Brenden Riley, the Deputy Director who gave the department report. Mr. Riley noted current focus is updating the Bay Lakes District Hazard mitigation plan. Several grants are being closed out: EMP (Emergency Management Programs) and EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.) Between the two, cover nuclear and Tier 2 material hazard emergency releases. Services in this area are contracted.

Both Director Green and Mr. Riley are heavily involved in community outreach to provide educational information for all emergencies from storms to a potential nuclear event. Have been coordinating with Fire and EMS teams. Director Green is scheduled for a radio appearance as well as at a local group home talk.

Both were required to complete Wisconsin Emergency Management Certification within two years of hire. Ms. Green has been certified and Mr. Riley needs to only complete in person programming which has yet to be scheduled and is likely to be in Madison. Both were hired in later 2023. There will be a conference to attend in Dallas regarding nuclear readiness; attendance for both will be paid for by Point Beach.

Discussion with supervisors regarding information recently provided to citizens in the Point Beach zones and the feedback and questions raised. There is a database to help locate those in need of assistance. Noted that many agencies have been reaching out and the EMS drone has been busy assisting in various incidents. Also noted supervisors and employees may need training and greater awareness of emergency responses. Conclusion for all is that greater awareness does lead to better results; continued efforts are important.

Supervisor Vogt moved to adjourn; Supervisor Naidl seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Koppa for
Supervisor Norb Vogt, Committee Secretary