

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes
December 12, 2019
Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

Present: Stephen Field, Russ Girbach, Cindra James, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Rick Norman, Ben Pinette, Carrie Rheingans, Scott Robinson, Katie Scott,

Excused: Marc Breckenridge, Donald Dettling, Armando Falcon, David Halteman, Darrell Kirby, Mark Wesley, Grace Hilborn

Absent: Samantha Brandfon, Pierre Gonyon, Dylan Kilby

Call to Order/Roll Call

Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Ken Kelly requested to have the approval of the 2020 LEPC meeting schedule added to the agenda.

Stephen Field requested to have a review of the M14/Barton Dr. actions taken by the LEPC added to the agenda.

Scott Robinson requested to have the annual review of the bylaws added to the agenda.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Joseph Jurasek, second by Cindra James. Approved unanimously.

Review and Adopt the September 12, 2019 Minutes

Scott Robinson requested the addition of discussions regarding Don Dettling's award for Fire Inspector of the year be added to the minutes, as well as the expiration of committee members.

A motion to approve the amended minutes of September 12, 2019 was made by Stephen Field, seconded by Katie Scott. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Announcements – None

Old Business

A. Information Coordinator's Report

Ken Kelly distributed and reviewed his report as follows:

- As of December 11, 47 EHS sites have updated plans
- No new plans have been created since our last meeting.

Ken stated that he has been communicating with Cayman Chemical Corporation in order to develop an emergency response plan for their business. They store several different chemicals on site and the only extremely hazardous substance is about 1100 pounds of Sulfuric Acid contained in various batteries.

Also, Ken reminded those present about the upcoming Sara Title III reporting training workshop at WCC on February 13, 2020, as well as, a webinar on January 9, 2020.

Furthermore, Ken informed the committee that the license for the Tier II Manager was renewed for another year at the cost of \$1500.00. This license allows for access to all Washtenaw County Tier II reports and ensures that all the local fire departments have access to these reports.

- B. Emergency Coordinator's report** – Ben Pinette presented the Emergency Coordinator's report and spoke about several different events that have occurred since our last meeting. Those events included Washtenaw County Emergency Service's annual disaster exercise, which took place on September 19, 2019; two more accidents at EB M14/Barton Drive, one that resulted in a semi leaking 200 gallons of fuel from its saddlebags. The hazard was mitigated before any of the fuel could enter into the Huron River. The other accident at EB M14/Barton involved a semi that rolled over which resulted in closure of M14 for cleanup. No serious injuries or additional hazards were reported. Ben Pinette also reviewed a list of weather events that had occurred since our last meeting.

- C. HazMat Team Director's report** – Referencing the accident on EB M14/Barton on December 9, Russ Girbach informed the committee that there was, in fact, a sheen on the water. The HazMat team took the appropriate steps to mitigate the situation.

Russ stated that the HazMat Team, Ann Arbor Township Fire Department, Ann Arbor City Fire Department, and the City of Ann Arbor's Water Resource Department all attended a training that focused on responding to incidents that happen at EB M14/Barton Dr. The training went well and served as a great stepping stone for preparedness when/if another incident occurs in that area.

New Business

- A. LEPC 2020 Meeting Schedule** – Approved by consent without vote.
- B. EB M14/Barton Dr. Actions** – Significant discussion was had regarding the ongoing issue of traffic crashes resulting in injuries/fatalities and hazardous materials release into the Huron River. Members did not feel that MDOT's response to the committee's letter was urgent enough. There was interest in exploring options to expedite the process with a suggestion that the County Board of Commissioners might be able to assist through legislative or other channels.

A motion to send a copy of LEPC's previous letter to MDOT along with MDOT's response to Commissioners Scott and Morgan along with 2019 accident statistics for further action and representation was made by Ben Pinette, seconded by Katie Scott. Approved unanimously.

- C. Review of Bylaws** – Scott Robinson discussed that the bylaws must be reviewed and approved annually by January 1, 2020. He inquired if any members had any changes they would like to present. No changes were suggested.

A motion to approve the bylaws as currently written was made by Joseph Jurasek, seconded by Russ Girbach. Approved unanimously.

A motion to add further standing action to annual meeting schedule requiring review of bylaws in September for discussion and approval in December was made by Cindra James, seconded by Joseph Jurasek. Approved unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ben Pinette, seconded by Katie Scott at 3:46 p.m. Approved unanimously.

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The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday March 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center, 2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105.

Respectfully Submitted,

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