

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021
Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

Present: Marc Breckenridge, Chris Brown, Donald Dettling, Stephen Field, Russ Girbach, Brian Halloran, David Halteman, Grace Hilborn, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Glenn Levine, Christy Maier, Sydney Parmenter, Ben Pinette, Katie Scott, Kathryn Wilhoff. Guest - Korissa Entringer is the Program Manager with Ann Arbor VA Hospital GEMS (Green Environmental Management Systems).

Excused: Pierre Gonyon, Scott Robinson.

Absent: Cindra James, Darrell Kirby, Nancy Smith, Jessica Warfield.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Joseph Jurasek called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Donald Dettling, second by Stephen Field. Approved unanimously.

Swearing in of New Members

Edwin Peart led the following members through the swearing in process: Chris Brown, Stephen Field, Russ Girbach, Brian Halloran, Glenn Levine, Christy Maier, and Ben Pinette.

Review and Adopt the December 10, 2020 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2020 was made by Chris Brown, seconded by Donald Dettling. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Announcements – None

Old Business

A. Information Coordinator's Report - Ken Kelly reviewed his report as follows:

- As of March 10, 2021, 47 EHS sites have updated plans.
- No new plans have been submitted since our last meeting.

Ken stated that Tier II reporting has been functioning rather smoothly so far this year. The glitch of requiring Washtenaw County to acquire a hard copy of Tier II reports, has been fixed. Ken has also assisted several facilities with both registering their accounts and reporting. He informed the group that he anticipates several new plans to be created and has been in contact with several facilities regarding creating their emergency response plans.

Additionally, Ken stated he submitted an application and all of the supplemental paperwork required for the 2020-2021 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant. Washtenaw County will be eligible for approximately \$1,500.00 from a support grant and \$250.00 will be awarded for new plan submissions, as well as, \$15.00 per updated plan. The application was approved and signed by Scott Robinson.

B. **Emergency Coordinator's report** – David Halteman stated that since the last meeting there was one natural hazard along with a few technological hazards. Those events are as follows:

- **December 20, 2020** – A rollover accident in which a truck spilled nearly 1,000 gallons of a fertilizer/water mixture. The mixture spilled onto the roadway and impacted a small lake nearby. Salem Township Fire Department responded out for cleanup.
- **February 12, 2021** – Sinking roadway on Bunton Rd., south of Textile was reported by Vic Chevrette. Just underneath that area of the road runs the Nexus natural gas pipeline. David contacted the Nexus Central Office and they dispatched an engineer to the scene immediately. The engineer found that the integrity of the pipe was still intact. It was determined that the ground had settled causing the roadway to sink in that area. Both Nexus and Washtenaw County Road Commission followed up a few days later to assess the road, reevaluate the pipeline, and grate the road.
- **February 15, 2021** – Large structure fire to a high-rise senior living complex at 1550 E. Clark Rd. in Ypsilanti. 246 individuals needed shelter and transportation after their units became unlivable. David coordinated with the American Red Cross and provided shelter by utilizing local hotels in the area.
- **February 15, 2021** – Major winter storm with snow accumulation of 8.9 inches. All non-essential services throughout Washtenaw County were closed to reduce traffic on the roadways and maintain safety for citizens.
- **February 23, 2021** – HazMat response to Augusta Township for a white chemical that was discovered on a driveway and was smoking. The Fire Chief was able to mitigate the situation with minimal resources.
- **March 6, 2021** – Conducted first siren test of the year.

- C. **HazMat Team Director's report** – Russ Girbach stated that since he was unable to attend the previous quarter's meeting, there were a couple incidents not included in that report that he wanted to share now.
- US 23/Michigan Ave – Behind an abandoned gas station, a possible drunk driver collided with the old gas pumps and sliced the fuel saddle tank on his vehicle, spilling between 50-70 gallons of diesel fuel onto the ground. Corrigan responded out to secure the saddle tank and remove all of the spillage from the area.
 - Ford Lake, Ypsilanti – Sheen of hydrocarbons appeared on the surface of Ford Lake. The possible cause of the sheen was traced back to a drainpipe from the expressway. Hydrocarbon booms were set up to catch any further deposits draining into the lake. Water resources was notified as well.

A motion to approve the reports as submitted was made by David Halteman, seconded by Russ Girbach. Approved unanimously.

D. Review Bylaws

A motion to approve the bylaws as submitted was made by Ben Pinette, seconded by Stephen Field. Approved unanimously.

New Business - None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Donald Dettling, seconded by Stephen Field at 3:23 p.m. Approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday June 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Hilborn
Emergency Services Specialist