

LEPC Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022

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Meeting called to order by Chair Jeanette Bomberg at 8:45 a.m.

Roll Call. Present were Jeanette Bomberg, Amanda Mulvey, Dan Miller, Joe Witynski, John Wilson, Robert Dorgan, Teresa Erler, Jessica McCoy, Tym Sauter, Ryan Piorkowski, Kelly Crotty, Donna Trudell, Tiffany White, Annette Seibold, Sue Mattson and Ann Price.

Motion to approve the agenda by Dan, second by Annette. No opposition. Motion carried.

Approval of the January 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Annette, second by Dan. No opposition. Motion carried.

Reports/Updates:

a. County Hazmat Team – One response for diesel fuel containment secondary to tool truck fire on Highway 70E in Tipler on 4/26/2022. Several fire departments in the county recently had members complete a HazMat Ops course as part of their FF1 certification requirements. Outreach to recruit those members to the county HazMat team will be completed.

b. Auto notification system for generators at County EOC/Resource Center, Courthouse and Sheriff's Office – Kevin (Utilities) was not present – item to be carried over.

c. COVID Recurring Testing/Vaccination – Annette reported changes to contact tracing have resulted in a 1 call attempt to contact and then a letter sent if unreachable. Meeting with the school continues monthly. Community transmission drives the staff testing requirements at Florence Health Services and that continues to be monitored closely for compliance. Testing needs are deferred to the providers and vaccinations are being done at local pharmacies.

d. Floodplain Mapping Project Update – Kelly was unable to attend for an update – item to be carried over.

e. Utility project in the Commonwealth area – Kevin was unable to attend – item to be carried over.

f. Highway projects through Fall 2022 – Joe reported chip seal to be done on Cty C from 101 to Memory Lane this summer. Crack fill on US2 will be a flagging operation and is scheduled around June lasting 2 weeks. Summer of 2023 Hwy 70 from 101 to US2 will be a large project.

g. Forest Service Contracting Process Change – Tym provided an update to inform that the contracts will not be going through the county level. The mutual aid agreements will be retooled and completed with the fire departments at the local/municipal level. Agreements will go from 1 hour to 24-hour mutual aid making billing a challenge on top of the challenges already experienced with billing at the local level. Updates will continue as it moves ahead. Tym introduced Ryan Piorkowski, Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer for the district. Ryan provided information and background on himself and his position and was welcomed to the area by those in attendance.

Severe Weather Week Drill Results/Department Concerns – Amanda recapped the functional issues experienced with the overhead PA and phone system announcements. She is following up with Denny & Ring Central to ensure a fix going forward with emergency notifications. Updated NOAA weather radios are needed at the elementary and middle/high schools. Florence Health Services had conducted some overhead page testing with Chief Deputy Chrisman that was not functional. Sheriff Miller noted this to be an aging system that they were uncertain on how/if it would work. His office

will continue to work with it to see if they can find a fix for the future and will keep emergency management updated on the progress.

Items 7 and 8 regarding Board Member Comments for Future Agenda Items and Citizen/Guest Attendee Concerns were merged together as a round robin and may continue as such moving forward.

Round Robin reporting:

Sheriff's Department continues to work on securing estimates on generators which are desperately needed at the tower sites to maintain communications during power outages. Public Health would like to an ICS training offered; Tym S. (Forest Service) may be able to facilitate that training and will follow up with more information. Florence Health Services has an upcoming TTX-Mock EP drill on May 12<sup>th</sup>- virtual via WHC Assoc. John W. and Robert D. spoke about organizational changes with the Red Cross and current interviews taking place. Emergency Mgmt. has an upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Florence Rescue and is working on a search and rescue course for the sheriff's office with a TTX exercise on jail evacuation in the works also.

Motion to adjourn by Kelly, second by Annette. No opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Next meeting set for 7/27/22 at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Mulvey  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
LEPC Secretary