

LEPC Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2022

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, Jessica McCoy, Tym Sauter, Donna Trudell, Tiffany White, Jordyn Springer, Sydney Hedmark, Amanda Hawkins, Amber Kolberg, Lacey Enders, Kelly Sleeter and Ann Price. Kevin Inman attending by phone. Excused: Kelly Crotty.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Public Comment by Dan, second by Jessica. No opposition. Motion carried.

Approval of the April 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Joe, second by Dan. No Additions/Corrections. No opposition. Motion carried.

Reports/Updates:

- a. County Hazmat Team – No incidents to report. Recruitment efforts continue via the municipal fire depts. to increase the membership of the county team.
- b. Auto notification system for generators at County EOC/Resource Center, Courthouse and Sheriff’s Office – Some notifications are received by the County Clerks office. Maintenance agreement with Energy Design Control operates separately from Florence Utilities. This process needs to be referred back to the Buildings and Grounds Committee via the Maintenance Supervisor to be reviewed for cost effectiveness and contract terms. Carry over to next meeting.
- c. COVID Recurring Testing/Vaccination – Amber reported a Pfizer clinic would be held beginning 8/9 for 12 years and up with an online registration link. There are 12-15 new positive cases per week in the county with all areas in the region seeing a high transmission rate at this time.
- d. Floodplain Mapping Project Update – Kelly reported no contest, no exceptions during open period. Waiting for notice to clear and once the process is complete there will be a report to notify.
- e. Utility project in the Commonwealth area – Kevin reports hoping this will start in late August to September. Looking doubtful due to material availability. Looking to cost/benefit to be pushed to 2023.
- f. Highway projects through Fall 2022 and anticipated 2023 projects – Joe reports bridge on STH 139 should be wrapping up soon. County C chip seal: 101 to Taylor Rd. to be done in the next couple weeks. 2023 projects: Hwy 70 from STH 139 to the BP anticipated to be refinished in the Summer. Pending financing there may be a county project from LaSalle Falls to Scout Lake Rd. Discussion on communications of detours going forward. Highway Commissioner posts them on social media and in the newspaper but will add an email to the Emergency Management Coordinator who will send out an email blast to all department heads.
- g. Forest Service Contracting Process Change – Tym reported that the possibility of doing the fire department contracts through the county was not approved. Tym will begin working on contracts with each of the chiefs individually for the 2023 period. The agreement is not going to change how they conduct business but rather serves as the mutual aid agreement official paperwork. The Forest Service and DNR are updating their master agreements this Winter and Tym will be pursuing using that agreement for billing for the Forest Service fires. Forest/Florence County seeing some drought and has resulted in some fires.

Annual Review/Approval of LEPC By Laws – Public Comment noted to remain on the agenda. Ann inquired if Human Services was lumped in with Health Services or if it should be separate – this is not known but will be reviewed and brought back for the next by law review. Motion to approve by Tiffany, second by Amber. No opposition. Motion carried.

Designation of State Inspector as Florence LEPC Compliance Officer/Inspector – Motion to approve this designation by Ann, second by Dan. No opposition. Motion carried.

Florence County 2022 HVA (Hazard Vulnerability Assessment) – Amber reviewed the 2022 County HVA reporting and distributed paper copies to all in attendance. This is reviewed annually as a grant deliverable and reporting to LEPC will continue after its completion.

Countywide EMS Update – Amanda reported that all eight municipal boards and the full county board have unanimously approved moving forward with a county-wide EMS structure to include maintaining 3 staffed station sites (Florence, Aurora and Long Lake/Tipler) as county owned and operated basic level services. The project is anticipated to take up to a year to complete and more information will follow as this process moves forward. Discussion on current vulnerability due to increasing out of service times of volunteer departments and expansive coverage area of alternate response agency impacting their capability to cover our county needs.

Round Robin Reports – Dan reported on the Next Gen/911 subcommittee grant – in summary, at this time, Florence County does not qualify for this grant funding. He has met with Senator Felzkowski to express the impact this is having on rural 911 dispatch centers going forward and changes to allow eligibility for counties like ours.

Public Comment – None.

Motion to adjourn by Dan, second by Ann. No opposition. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Next meeting set for 10/26/22 at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Mulvey
Emergency Management Coordinator
LEPC Secretary