

# PICKAWAY COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, January 12, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Pickaway County Emergency Operations Center  
(160 Island Road, Circleville, OH 43113)**

### Topic

#### 1. Call meeting to order: Introduction of guests and members

##### Members:

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Noggle   | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Thompson  | <input type="checkbox"/> Casey Pringle    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neil Cline    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Cavanaugh | <input type="checkbox"/> James White      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Hafey | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Cunningham | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Church      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shawn Baer    | X Steven Collins                         | X Jon Rhoades                             |
| X Harold Henson                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristin McCloud | <input type="checkbox"/> David Bradley    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Cameron  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Wilbanks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dillon Wilson    |
| X Tom Swisher                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Congrove  | X Mike Antle – PCI, Capt.                 |
| X Michael Sherron                      | <input type="checkbox"/> J.C. Grubb      | <input type="checkbox"/> James Brown, Jr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry McGaha  |                                          |                                           |

##### Guests/Staff:

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| Josette Okereke   | ODRC – CRC - Warden                      |
| Rochelle Moore    | ODRC -                                   |
| Mark Adkins       | Sofidel / Box 65                         |
| John Eckleberry   | American Red Cross of South Central Ohio |
| Sean Sabulsky     | ODRC – CRC – Deputy Warden               |
| Charlsie Edmonson | ODRC – CRC                               |
| Taylor Vonderharr | ODRC – CRC                               |
| Chuck Bradley     | ODRC – Regional Director                 |
| Travis Pfaff      | ODRC – PCI                               |
| Nate McGinnis     | Meteorologist - National Weather Service |

**2. Review and approval of past meeting minutes**

Minutes on the table for review from the October meeting.

Motion for approval: Mark Adkins

Second: Steven Collins

Discussion: None. All in favor.

**3. Approval of the LEPC financial report**

Balance \$ 51,045.29

Motion for approval: Tom Swisher

Second: Mark Adkins

Discussion: This balance includes \$15,000 which was the amount of the contract with the EMA for administrative support and for the emergency coordinator. An error in coding was made which credited the amount paid to the EMA back to the LEPC account. Therefore, **the correct balance once this is transferred properly to the EMA will be \$36,045.29.**

**4. Old Business**

- **COVID-19 / Monkey Pox Update**

No report available.

- **LEPC Exercises – Plan for 2022-2024 Exercise Cycle**

Need to begin planning for a functional exercise to be conducted after July 1, 2023, to be in the correct state fiscal year. Anyone interested in helping please let Mike Sherron know.

- **HazMat training**

The next class is this Saturday, January 14, at SW Pickaway Fire. It will be an operations level class put on by the Ohio Fire Academy. 15-20 people will be trained through Regional Delivery at no cost.

- **County HazMat Plan – Submitted for Review**

SERC concurrence/approval of our hazmat plan was given at the December SERC meeting. Through the process of completing the review a few areas were identified, mainly in the threat/hazard analysis, that could be more fully developed. Our work on pre-incident planning will be useful in updating this section of our plan.

**5. New Business**

- **Tier II Reporting Facilities / Compliance Inspections / Pre-Incident Planning**

We have completed the pre-incident plan for Rader Oil and Wells Group. These have been reviewed. We are continuing to work on plans for the other facilities.

- **NWS Training**

Nate McGinnis from National Weather Service office in Wilmington is here to help us understand their capabilities for plume dispersion modeling during a hazmat incident.

Not plume dispersion specialists. Able to provide support for wildfire, search and rescue, and hazmat in addition to the regular weather forecast missions.

No local to Pickaway County weather Automated Weather Station (AWAS?) OSU / State (Aaron Wilson - Climatologist) office of climate – Mesonet. Require some maintenance. Local weather observations are very important and can help improve forecasting.

**SPOT Forecasts**

Support can include rainfall amounts.

Dispatch office at PCSO is often requested to provide weather information to FD and the NWS office can help. SPOT weather forecast program available through a web interface. For industrial fires, mixing heights and mixing winds can give information about where smoke might go.

Weather observations to be reported to NWS – need training for personnel to collect these accurately. Weather station for the Mobile Command Trailer??? Have MARCS radio capabilities. The report is heavily numbers based without detailed maps.

**NOAA HYSPLIT**

HYSPLIT can be requested via the SPOT forecast web page.

Can help determine when and where a plume might go and how it might change later in the day and at night. For significant incidents, additional technical support can be obtained from other personnel in NOAA. Data and plume forecasts can be exported to KML format for importing to KML.

**SPECIAL EVENT SUPPORT**

[www.Weather.gov/forecastpoints](http://www.Weather.gov/forecastpoints)

Webpage will permit bookmarking locations for fixed facilities and assign a unique URL. Can also provide warnings based on

- **Spill Responses**

No incidents since the October meeting.

- **Cost Recovery**

Pic-A-Fay JFD and Pickaway Township FD have both been reimbursed for their costs from the incidents we discussed previously. No new incidents have been submitted for cost recovery.

- **Red Cross Updates**

John Eckleberry will provide an update on Red Cross services in Pickaway County. Lives in Athens, covers 10 counties. Government Operations and External Relations. Smoke alarm program – free from the ARC (installed). Have installed 3,500 in the four counties in the south. Also have devices for the hearing impaired. Able to set up a neighborhood canvas event. Flood or fire damage to a residential structure – 800-733-2767 – case worker assignment, immediate assistance, referrals to other agencies (Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, etc.). Support to local agencies – exercise planning - would like to be involved. Able to work with EMA to develop shelter capabilities.

Literature requested on the smoke alarm process by Lt. Rhoades.

- **Public Outreach and Education**

We need to put together a group to begin putting together a schedule of messages for 2023 about chemical emergency preparedness. Please let Mike Sherron know if you're interested in helping with this effort.

- **Equipment for Mobile Command Trailer**

New County Mobile Command Trailer has been received. Stored at the PDI building out of the weather. Request by Tom Swisher for funding to acquire items that will be used in the trailer in support of a hazmat incident response.

Motion to authorize for a maximum of \$2,000 for purchase of Pelican cases, installation of external antennas, and power supplies.

Motion for approval: Tom Swisher

Second: Steven Collins

Discussion: None. All in favor.

- **Round Table Discussion**

None

**6. Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: Tom Swisher

Second: Steven Collins

No objections.

**7. Next meeting date: 09:00, Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the EOC (160 Island Road).**