

PICKAWAY COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2022 – 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:

☐ Chad Noggle	☐ Brian Thompson	☐ Casey Pringle
☐ Neil Cline	☐ Scott Cavanaugh	☐ James White
☒ Matthew Hafey	☐ Bill Cunningham	☒ Matt Church
☐ Shawn Baer	☒ Steven Collins	☒ Jon Rhoades
☐ Harold Henson	☐ Kristin McCloud	☐ David Bradley
☒ Gary Cameron	☒ Marie Wilbanks	☒ Dillon Wilson
☒ Tom Swisher	☐ Wayne Congrove	☒ Mike Antle
☒ Michael Sherron	☒ J.C. Grubb	☒ James Brown, Jr.
☐ Jerry McGaha		

Guests/Staff:

Greg Myers	Box 65
David McIntyre	Circleville Police
Dan Endrizzi	Ohio EMA
Ken McCoy	Village of South Bloomfield Police

2. Review and approval of past meeting minutes

Minutes sent out for review from the April meeting.

Motion for approval: Jimmy Brown

Second: JC Grubb

Discussion: All in favor, no opposition.

3. Approval of the LEPC financial report

Balance \$ 30,463.85

Motion for approval: N/A

Second: N/A

Discussion: **Information only in the minutes. The financial report was not available at the meeting.** Expenditures since the April meeting included food for previous meeting (\$79.86), expenses associated with April TTX (\$630.36), and booms and pads for spill response (\$414.00). One charge was errantly applied to the LEPC account and will be corrected.

4. Old Business

- **COVID-19 Update**

Still around. Case numbers increasing. 194 active cases. Hospital is functioning. Dominate variant is BA-5 subvariant.

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

April 23 Tabletop Exercise

The exercise was completed, and the comments were very favorable. We identified a few big picture items that need to be addressed including:

- Training on the County HazMat Plan at the responder level to ensure everyone understands their role and the resources that are available.
- Training on the use of the First Responder HazMat Response Guide (Tabs 1-10).
- Additional/updated hazmat awareness training for law enforcement and possibly operations level training to build understanding of tasks that will be performed.

We received invoices for \$150 for the room and \$630.36 for food service. We approved \$900 at the last meeting and expended a total of \$780.36. We expect to receive concurrence from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for the exercise to receive credit.

August 30-31 Full-Scale Exercise

We are in the planning phase of the full-scale exercise with Enterprise Products, the pipeline operator. We anticipate that SERC will grant a waiver for the pipeline to be designated a facility for exercise credit. The issue was discussed at the June 8th SERC meeting and assuming there is no public objections during the public comment period we should be good to proceed with this exercise to count as our full-scale exercise. There will be a tabletop exercise next Monday to work through the plans to make sure we are good to go for August.

We are coordinating with several local fire departments and law enforcement agencies to participate. There will be a preparatory tabletop

New exercise evaluation guidance is available on the Ohio EPA website.

- **HazMat training**

We have received word from several fire departments in the county advising that they would like to have hazmat awareness and operations level training. Training for these classes will be held this fall using the Ohio Fire Academy curriculum. These courses are considered “regional” courses if they involve three or more fire departments, therefore we will be scheduling them in that manner to save money.

The “Fire Department HazMat Response Guide” (AKA Annexes 1-10) will be delivered to the fire departments in the County for deployment on their trucks next week at the Fire Chiefs meeting.

We are working with DuPont to build an operations level class for their employees to be presented in September in two sessions. The training can include local fire departments and Pickaway Township Fire has expressed an interest in participating in the training.

- **LEPC Membership – Adjustments – SERC Notification**

SERC approved the submitted LEPC membership modifications.

- **Solar Panels and HazMat – Gary Cameron**

The solar panel issue seems to have stalled. The facility by Atlanta is approved and moving forward. The Circleville Solar project is still in the planning stages. It appears that these projects are coming. Rhoades talked with PUCO HazMat Section and learned there is no requirement for hazmat placarding for solar panels in transportation. Cameron discussed the failure rate (20%) of panels. There are requirements to not stockpile damaged or out of service panels. There is also a bond required for 150% of the anticipated cleanup cost to restore the property. If a fire occurs, the panels will still produce power as long as the panel is exposed to sunlight. Fire departments need to begin training on

5. New Business

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

Still looking for volunteers to assist with this process.

Eligible expense for expenditure of LEPC funds that can be used to pay for the work to be performed to put together the hazard analysis, inventory, preplan, etc.

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

Periodically the County HazMat plan must be submitted to the state for review.

We approved the revisions to the plan at the February 2022 meeting. We need a motion to send the approved plan, along with the other administrative documents to the state for review.

Motion for approval: Tom Swisher

Second: James Brown

Discussion: None

Approved, no objections.

- **Spill Responses**

- May 8 – Diesel fuel release, truck crash along SR 104
- May 27 – Methane fire while drilling a water well
- June 4 – Hydraulic fluid spill on SR 207
- July 10 – Transformer oil spill, SR 316 in South Bloomfield
- July 11 – Gasoline release from a partially sinking boat at the Deer Creek Marina

- **Spill Pads and Booms**

In the course of the spill response on SR 104 it was suggested that we acquire a small amount of hydrocarbon booms and pads to be used to assist fire department personnel when responding to a release of petroleum products. Using previously approved purchase authority, we received quotes and ordered four bales of 100 pads and four bales of four 5"x10' booms for \$414.00. These items are stored at EMHSA office.

Will be seeking reimbursement from the boat owner's insurance company for the costs incurred with the boat sinking response on July 11.

- **Round Table Discussion**

- Monkey Pox – Detected in May, four in Ohio. 1000 plus cases in the U.S. Symptoms include small pustules lasting three to four weeks. Transmissible the entire time. ODH is the only place where

6. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Tom Swisher

Second: Matt Hafey

- 7. Next meeting date: 09:00, Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the EOC (160 Island Road).**