

## **Taylor County**

Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Date: April 19, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Sheriff's Conference Room

**Attending:** Don Albers, William Breneman, Kathy Danen, Mike Danen, John Fales, Patty Krug, Scott Lindow, Larry Peterson, Jim Seidl, Harry Sweda

**Minutes by:** Bill Breneman, LEPC Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Seidl at 1:03 PM. Motion to approve minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting was made by Mike Danen, with a second by Patty Krug. Motion carried.

**Agenda** The agenda was approved as printed

### **Election of Officers**

Current officers are: James G. Seidl, Chairman (to be appointed by the County Board); Mike Danen, Vice Chair; Bill Breneman, Secretary; Patty Krug, Alternate Secretary.

**Vice Chair:** Mike Danen was nominated by John Fales, second by Larry Peterson. John Fales made a motion, second by Harry Sweda, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Danen. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** Bill Breneman was nominated by Harry Sweda, second by Larry Peterson. Harry Sweda made a motion, second by Kathy Danen, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Breneman. Motion carried.

**Review/Update LEPC By-Laws;** Motion by Patty Krug, second by John Fales to approve the LEPC By-Laws. Motion carried

**Review/Update LEPC Membership List;** Ron Bohn was removed from the list (job change); George Marks (Memorial Health Center) was added. Motion to approve revised list was made by Harry Sweda, second by Patty Krug. Motion carried.

**Review/Update Procedures for Review of HazMat Response Expenditures;** Motion by Don Albers to approve "Procedures", second by Larry Peterson. Motion carried.

**Designation of State to be LEPC Inspector.** Motion made by John Fales to Designate the State to be LEPC Inspector, second by Patty Krug. Motion carried.

### **Hazmat Team Report**

Bill Breneman reported that Team Administrator Mark Kind had called and because of work responsibilities, could not attend the LEPC meeting today. The Hazmat Team is struggling with a lack of participation. Active team member numbers are way down. Attendance at the meetings and training has been a problem, and the team is trying to recruit additional team members. There are less than 8 active members. The goal is to have about 20 active members. There was discussion about continuing to work together with the Marathon County and Abbotsford teams on training. Those teams, and other similar teams are struggling with the same issues. Breneman said that Mark Kind wanted to meet with him, and that they would work together to get an ad in the local paper to try to recruit more team members. Mike Danen reported that one of his firefighters is in the process of completing Hazmat Technician training.

**Spill Report:** Breneman distributed a report that he had received from Steve Fenzke, Hazardous Materials Training Coordinator of Wisconsin Emergency Management. The report detailed what was reported as a trench dug to drain a manure pit in the Town of Little Black. The report indicated that the matter had been referred to Local DNR Warden Nick Nice.

**United Way Grant Application for the Hazmat Team:** Bill Breneman recommended that the Hazmat Team not apply for the United Way Grant this year. He said that he had discussed the matter with Mark Kind, and both agreed that until the Hazmat Team resolved membership issues, they should not apply for the United Way Grant. Based on the recommendation, Harry Sweda made a motion, second by Kathy Danen, that the Hazmat Team should not apply for a United Way Grant this year. Motion carried.

**EPCRA Grant for Hazmat Equipment:** the 2010 application for a \$10,000 Hazmat Equipment Grant has been approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management. In kind match items will include workman's compensation insurance, team expenses including vehicle expenses and other expenses that the team has. In kind match for \$10,000 grant is \$2,500,

### **Round Table Discussion**

Larry Peterson suggested that the Hazmat Team should set some membership milestones to achieve. Continuation would then be based upon meeting the milestones or not.

Patty Krug asked how the new homes and addressing process was going. Larry Peterson responded that it appears to be working well for the most part. New home owners are supposed to report to zoning to get their correct address and are given sign ordering information. New signs cost the owners \$40.00.

Bill Breneman reported that he and Sheriff Daniels were meeting with Bob Meyer, John Easterly, Larry Peterson, and Patty Krug to discuss getting the County's GIS mapping system into use by dispatch and emergency responders.

**Next Meeting:** 1. Breneman asked members to remind him to schedule future April meetings on the 4th Monday in April so that the County Board's committees are formed before the meeting. The Chair of LEPC is appointed by the County Board. 2. The next meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2010 at 1:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

William K. Breneman, Secretary LEPC