

President Bob Flath called the LaMoire County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, August 5th, 2021 at 7:39AM with a hybrid option of in person and virtual. In person was at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/259451197> or dial **1 (571) 317-3122** and access code: **259-451-197**

Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	Paul Ostendorf	Industry	X
Jessica Duffy	Public Health	X	Josh Loegering	Public Works	
Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	Todd Vogel	Industry	X
Art Hagebock	LaMoire Fire/Print Media		Deputy Jeff Fleck	Sheriff's Dept	X
Doug Hintzman	Kulm Fire	X	Patty Wood Bartle	Print Media – Edgeley Mail	
Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X
Mike Vogel	Verona Fire		Kathy Haag	Kulm Ambulance	X
Greg Hanson	Marion Fire	X	Member	Edgeley Ambulance Service	
Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Bill Brown	NDDES (non Voting)	X(virtual)
James Shockman	State's Attorney	X	Frank Balak	CV Health (non-voting)	X (virtual)
Jason Joy	CVEMS of LaMoire		Others attending:	Clint Knudsen(Marion Fire)	

The secretary's report of the previous meeting had been mailed and emailed. Grant made a motion to accept as presented. Greg H seconded. Motion passed. Kimberly provided the expenses/income from the last meeting that showed the eDispatches information as well as the reduced income from the TIER II reports. The explanation of the decreased funds was explained in an email from Jeff Thompson (North Dakota Department of Emergency Services) that was emailed on July 26, 2021 and shared with the group. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jessica. It was seconded by Paul. Motion approved. Kimberly then shared the spreadsheet that was provided by Jeff Thompson showing which businesses submitted TIER II reports for RY2020. It also showed two businesses that are in LaMoire County yet reporting to Barnes County. Chairman Flath asked Kimberly to keep addressing this so the reports are correctly filed in LaMoire County.

Incidents: One incident regarding a waste oil spill was reviewed. It was estimated at 50 gallons and the responsible party and State Highway Department cleaned up and reviewed it.

Training and Exercise Plan: The plan was reviewed. The evacuation exercise with the long-term care facilities was discussed and should remain. Kimberly will contact the two facilities and try to have a table top with the respective responder groups.

Old Business:

AFG Grant: No additional information has been received.

SIRN 2020: The reimbursement form is online and available. Please remember a copy of the check is necessary to ask for reimbursement. Some counties received State Homeland Security Grant funds for radios yet the radios had to be purchased in August 2021. There was some question on how many radios are needed. Kimberly would request more information on the number of radios per department.

Hazardous Material Annex: These are printed and will be available at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

Recalibration of CO detectors: Grant presented information about a CO detector that could be recalibrated. The department received equipment through a grant. There may be a cost saving for everyone to move to a detector that can be recalibrated. The current detectors should last through 2024 so there is some time to make a decision.

eDispatches Contract: A backup detector was researched and a viable option is not available. Other vendors have similar systems that require internet or detectors that rely on solid connectivity. Salamander – the badge company – may have a product next year to review. At a recent State Radio meeting, they suggested maintaining a back-up paging system for a few years as the new Computer Aided Dispatch system will not replace it yet. eDispatches also encourages each member in each department to have a spot and thus departments should work with Kimberly on this duplication listing.

The various First Responder databases were discussed. Currently, each department maintains their own eDispatches roster. Then, Kimberly uses the eDispatches roster to update the Salamander roster. The first responder license plates are only reviewed by the fire chief/EMS president. The license plates are validated annually. The State Radio contact list is updated about every 18 months. The first responder badges were reprinted and available with an expiration date. Kimberly also discussed that those with tokens for the CAD computers will likely be changing to a phone app or single phone call. This will need to be discussed with services using the CAD computers.

Kimberly showed the Wildfire Dashboard that is available on WebEOC as well as the current Fire Emergency and Drought Declaration Maps. It was discussed that each county declaration/resolution may be different and some counties may require the fire chief approval prior to burning. LaMoire County allows for burning on Moderate and Low fire danger rating days at this time.

The State is looking at an option to have a one click map for the public that shows what is allowable burning based on the county's resolution.

Chairman Flath asked for an update regarding COVID-19 from Public Health. Jessica responded that numbers are increasing. Public Health continues to travel to the various communities in the county to provide vaccinations.

Next meeting was proposed for Thursday, November 18th. The group discussed having another morning meeting. There are a few educators that have conflicts with school and morning meetings. It was decided to try 7:30AM at the Ambulance Hall in Edgeley with a virtual and in-person option with food as the meeting should be less than 1 hour.

Chairman Flath adjourned the meeting at 8:35AM.

Minutes approved Thursday, November 18, 2021.