

A table top was conducted prior to the meeting along with a meal of meatballs, gravy, corn, buns, potatoes, and cookies.

President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall at 6:55PM. Members and guests present indicated by "X".

Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	Paul Ostendorf	Industry	
Tony Hanson	Public Health		Josh Loegering	Public Works	
Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	Todd Vogel	Industry	
Art Hagebock	LaMoure Fire/Print Media	X	Deputy 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	
Mike Vogel	Verona Fire	X	James Shockman	State's Attorney	
Jon Alber	Marion Fire		Frank Balak	Public Health – CV Health District	X
Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X			
Bob Vandenberg	County EMS Representative	X			
Others attending:					

The secretary's report of the August meeting had been mailed, emailed and included as a handout for the meeting. Art made a motion to accept as presented. Al seconded. Motion passed. Kimberly provided the expenses and income from the last meeting. The expenses showed meeting breakfast rolls from last meeting. Chairman Flath approved the treasurer's report as presented.

A reminder was made to Fire Departments to sign the notice that they have received the TIER II reports. Only Marion Fire department has not responded. A reported incident near Kulm on October 28, 2019 was reviewed by the group. No issues were found.

Old Business: A review of the Salamander Tracking system with Cass and Stark counties found that they have placed a 4 year expiration on the badges. Mike Vogel made a motion that badges should have an expiration of 4 years starting with all badges expiring 12/31/2023 and photos of responders retaken after 8 years. Art seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The public notice 324 was read and Art made a motion to publish it in all four county newspapers. Grant seconded. Motion approved.

For the Three Year Training and Exercise plan, the county has been busy with flooding and response. The statewide exercise was discussed. The group also discussed other options for training and would provide recommendations to Kimberly.

New Business:

The LaMoure County Emergency Operation Plan needs another review as well as working in a separate Hazardous Materials Response procedure. The group discussed that if possible to use the current plan and Frank offered some suggestions. Frank, Julianne, Bob V, and Kimberly would work on the plan with a draft to be presented to the LEPC by the August 2020 meeting.

The LEPC membership was discussed as in August 2013 the LEPC set membership to one vote from each fire department chief or designated representative and Bob Vandeburgo was appointed the county EMS representative for all ambulance squads with one vote. Art made a motion that the Kulm, Edgeley and LaMoure Ambulance services would have one vote on the membership and Bob would remain on the membership as the vote from the Kulm Ambulance, thus adding two additional members. Bob V. seconded. The group felt important that each service have a vote. Although many current members are also on the ambulance service, they may only have one vote at the meeting for the organization that they sign roll call with. Motion passed.

Election of officers was held. Art nominated Robert Flath for President. Al made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Flath for President. Bob V. seconded. Motion passed. Kimberly nominated Grant Mathern for Vice President. Al made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Grant Mathern for Vice President. Art seconded. Motion passed. President Flath appointed Kimberly Robbins as Secretary/Treasurer.

The LaMoure County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan has now expired yet a draft plan is expected soon. Due to blizzards and flooding, the timeline of the plan is behind schedule. The contractor had some questions and information for the LEPC and fire chiefs to review. Kimberly took notes and would pass the information back to the contractor, KLJ.

Deputy Jeff Fleck was recognized as the new SIRN 2020 appointed representative from LaMoure County as George Racine had to resign for personal reasons. The group again discussed concern for the cost of radios. There was mention of applying for a county wide fire department grant yet no action was taken.

The next meeting date was selected as Thursday, February 6th at 7PM with an evening meal served. Meeting adjourned by 8:05PM.

Minutes Approved on February 6, 2020.