

President Bob Flath called the LaMoire County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, February 4th, 2021 at 7:10PM 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/836758133> United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 836-758-133

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

The secretary's report of the November meeting had been mailed and emailed. Art made a motion to accept as presented. Grant seconded. Motion passed. Kimberly provided the expenses/income from the last meeting that showed the second deposit from the TIER II report and expenses of the CO detectors. The CO detectors were handed out at the meeting to departments present and a reminder to activate them before December 2021. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The committee then moved into updates with the shortened agenda.

AFG Grant: Mike Vogel gave an update on the countywide Assistance to Firefighters Grant. It was submitted by LaMoire County on February 2nd, 2021. The grant represents 6 Fire Departments (Kulm, Edgeley, LaMoire, Verona, Marion and Jud), 3 EMS (Kulm, Edgeley and LaMoire) and 1 Police Department (LaMoire) for a total of \$412,000 with a \$19,628 non-federal cost share that would be divided by the departments. It was explained that the radios requested in the grant were not dual band. The timing of the grant could take 1 ½ years for approval before radios could be purchased.

SIRN 2020: Deputy Fleck presented a written report on the SIRN 2020 project. He also discussed the use of dual band and new SIRN system. State Radio has the equipment and will be looking at changing over in Mid-March. There are some other dispatch centers on the new system yet not all. The current radios will work when State Radio switches. Deputy Fleck mentioned some concern with the Talk Groups as ambulances and law enforcement respond frequently into larger counties and may have to request that Talk Group. Deputy Fleck also gave a brief update on First Net yet there is a large concern as the First Net service is provided by AT&T and they do not have service in the Kulm area and other locations in LaMoire County. First Net had been in communication with LaMoire County and were to provide Deputy Fleck a test device yet still have not completed this. The purpose of the test device would be to provide data on the locations with no service.

Hazardous Material Annex: The Annex had been sent and comment period expired. Thus, the annex was considered approved at this meeting. Kimberly mentioned grant funds available to print the annex and other pages in the LaMoire County Emergency Operation Plan. Greg made a motion to print in color the updates to a total of \$100 which \$50 or 50% would be reimbursed by the grant. Grant seconded. Motion passed.

eDispatches Contract: The eDispatches contract is annual and the invoice should be sent in March. Kimberly asked if the LEPC would consider funding part of the contract as in the past. Art made a motion for the LEPC to fund \$500 of the annual eDispatches contract and the remaining invoice be split evenly among the 6 Fire and 3 Ambulance LaMoire County based services. Mike seconded. Discussion was held that this is what was done in the past. Deputy Fleck mentioned State Radio make have another option yet it would be delayed due to the pandemic. Art felt that eDispatches should be used for 2021 and any other vendor would need to be brought to the individual departments for consideration. Motion passed.

Next meeting was proposed for Thursday, May 6th at 7:30AM at the Ambulance Hall in Edgeley with a virtual and in-person option with a meal. Kimberly apologized that no meal was provided tonight.

Chairman Flath adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.

The annual LaMoire County Fire Chief meeting was held after the conclusion of the LEPC meeting. Departments represented were LaMoire, Verona, Edgeley, Kulm and Marion. The group had a training on the access to and features of the www.spill.nd.gov website. They also discussed pipeline online training. Other items brought for review were the NDDDES Resource handbook, WebEOC and eDispatches. Kimberly would try to print the NDDDES Resource Handbook as well as summarize eDispatches information and send to the Fire Chiefs, EMS Squad leaders and Law Enforcement.

Minutes Approved 8/5/2021