

A table top exercise about a vehicle overturned into a creek during flooding was conducted prior to the meeting along with a meal of meatballs, gravy, corn, buns, potatoes, and apple crisp prepared by the Jud Café from 6:30PM to 7:00PM.

President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall at 7:02PM. Members and guests present indicated by "X".

Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	Paul Ostendorf	Industry	X
Jessica Duff	Public Health	X	Josh Loegering	Public Works	
Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	Todd Vogel	Industry	X
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	X
Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	
Mike Vogel	Verona Fire	X	James Shockman	State's Attorney	
Greg Hanson	Marion Fire	X	Frank Balak	Public Health – CV Health District	X
Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	LaVerne Anderson	Edgeley Ambulance Service	X
Bob Vandenberg	Kulm Ambulance	X	Abby Wald	CVEMS of LaMoure	
Others attending: Corey VanDyke (Marion Fire); Janet Jacobson ,Miranda Jangula and Dan Donlin (ND State Radio)					

The secretary's report of the November meeting had been mailed, emailed and included as a handout for the meeting. Frank made a motion to accept as presented. Art seconded. Motion passed. Kimberly provided the expenses from the last meeting that showed expenses from three of the local papers for the LEPC notice. The *Litchville Bulletin* has not sent an invoice. The last meeting meal expense was also shown. Al made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bob V seconded. Motion approved.

TIER II reports are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. As emergency manager, Kimberly has received only a few to date. It was reminded that businesses are supposed to send a copy to both the emergency manager and respective fire department. No incidents were reported.

Old Business: The LaMoure County Emergency Operation Plan needs a Hazardous Materials Response annex. Due to fall flooding and spring 2020 flood planning this planning process is on hold.

The LaMoure County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to the State of North Dakota for review on January 28, 2020. Each city in LaMoure County did participate in the plan.

New Business: The Three Year Training and Exercise plan was reviewed with the public health POD placed in fall 2022 which moved some of the other items. Kimberly explained a functional exercise and hopes to plan one to help prepare for spring 2020 flooding.

Deputy Jeff Fleck provided a brief update on his role as the SIRN 2020 appointed representative from LaMoure County. He has been working on the law enforcement encryption mandate. Dan Donlin encouraged review of the State website for more information: <https://www.nd.gov/itd/statewide-alliances/siec/sirn-2020> . Dan also discussed the House Bill that was passed as wording for radio reimbursements for State agencies, schools and public works was not specific. Dan also spoke about the timeline for radio purchases and dispatch centers to receive new equipment. Art voiced concern that the SIRN 2020 radio reimbursement will not cover all of the fire department's radio expenses. Frank added information about FirstNet and a new AT&T tower in Jamestown. Frank also mentioned the CRIB meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> in Jamestown.

LaMoure County Commissioners passed a resolution this week to increase the 911 fee to the maximum of \$1.50. Kimberly explained how the fee is used locally and what impact the State Radio fee increases have had to the local budget. The 911 funds will not be able to support the total cost to provide 911 to LaMoure County residents so the budget will have to be supported by the General Fund which comes from property taxes. Dan could not confirm that the State Radio fee will be \$1.39 in 2021 yet did explain that State Radio is starting to review budgets and will get information to the counties sooner than the previous fee increase. Grant made a motion that upon approval and review of the LEPC expense guidelines that the LEPC fund advertisement in the local papers to support the 911 fee increase. Jessica seconded the motion. Kimberly expressed concern that she needs to contact the State to ensure LEPC funds could be used for this. Discussion held that Patty work with Kimberly for advertisement options with the budgeted amount. Motion passed.

Kimberly reminded the group that the State Homeland Security grant guidance will be issued this spring. There is a possibility this grant guidance will include radio purchases. Mike spoke of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). With the new information and timelines, some counties are exploring applying for the AFG for radios. The six fire departments and three ambulance services could work together to hire a grant writer and apply for the AFG funds. There was interest and fire departments were asked to follow up with Mike Vogel.

With the shortfall in the 911 county funds, the 911 funds will not be able to support the countywide eDispatches contract that is due in March. Al made a motion that the LEPC pay for \$500 of the eDispatches county contract and the remaining amount be split among the departments. Art seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kimberly reviewed the land line/internet failure of January 13<sup>th</sup>. The eDISpatches system does have power backup yet there is no internet backup. During the outage, Deputy Fleck worked with State Radio on communication. Radio pagers were not affected by the land line/internet failure. It was discussed that IPAWS may have been used to communicate the outage to the public.

During the table top exercise, the group discussed a need to have first responder maps redrawn and provided to State Radio if the James River closes state and county highways. First Responders also discussed the need to have the local township road closed map working. Bob Flath explained that the county was working on improving this system.

Kimberly mentioned that a volunteer from the Red Cross that lives in LaMoure County has contacted her and may be attending the next LEPC meeting.

Frank provided a brief update that the State is sending communication on the coronavirus to EMS and public health.

The next meeting date was selected as Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM. Chairman Flath adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM

State Radio (Janet Jacobson, Miranda Jangula and Director Dan Donlin) then presented paging protocols, responder maps and statistics from calls taken in 2019 in LaMoure County. They encouraged first responders to visit the dispatch center in Bismarck and appreciated the invite to the LEPC meeting to meet and thank the first responders in LaMoure County.

Minutes approved August 6, 2020.