

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Local Emergency Planning Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, May, 17, 2018

**Date of Filing:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Hentges at 2:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Mr. Tom Hentges, Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer, Mr. Jason Poser (via phone), Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Dave Rynders, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. David Brommerich, Mr. Kelly Johnston, Ms. April Loeffler, and Mr. Leif Tolokken.

**The Minutes of the previous meeting were presented.** The minutes were not in the packet and Ms. Halverson did not have a copy with her. Approval of minutes will be handled at the next meeting.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Financial Summary:** Mr. Fuerbringer explained the report shows activity from January through April. There has only been 3-4% of the budget spent. Mr. Tolokken made a motion to approve the Financial Summary, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the EPCRA Computer Grant Application:** The State has moved to an online application so there is no paperwork to bring for review. The EPCRA Grant was not applied for last year. Because Buffalo County does not have a Hazmat Team we are only eligible for the computer portion of the grant. Mr. Fuerbringer is applying to replace the laptop in the EOC. The deadline to apply is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve applying for the grant, seconded by Mr. Rynders. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Spill Report:** There were three spills in Buffalo County, two fertilizer spills and one liquid manure spill. The committee discussed having to report manure runoff as a spill. Mr. Fuerbringer will find out how much fertilizer was spilled in the one report and how it was recovered.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Emergency Directors Report:** Mr. Fuerbringer reviewed the work he has completed since the last meeting.

- The Emergency Operations Plan Annexes has been updated.
- Off-site plans for hazardous materials has been updated.
- Work has continued on the FEMA Mitigation Grant
- The Regional EM Director's meeting will be held in Alma at the Dairyland Power Plant.

- Radios that can communicate with Minnesota agencies during an emergency event were discussed.
- Work on new address signs for Buffalo County was discussed. There are some unanswered questions before this can move forward.
- UW Extension found a grant for a fair booth during the Buffalo County Fair. There will be demonstrations showing emergency response techniques.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding LEPC Members Report:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Chair Report:** Chair Hentges reported that the fire in Fountain City was the first real test of the Mavis system. He feels everything progressed in a textbook fashion

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next meeting will be August 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Sheriff Schmidtknecht made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk