

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Local Emergency Planning Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Brommerich at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Stephen Schiffli, Mr. Tom Hentges, Mr. Jason Poser, Mr. Kelly Johnston, Ms. April Loeffler (excused), Ms. Jenny Legaspi, Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Ms. Mary Anne McMillian-Urell, Ms. Sonya Hansen (Excused), Mr. Dave Rynders, Ms. Roxann Halverson(Excused), Mr. David Brommerich, and Mr. Leif Tolokken.

The Minutes of the November 19, 2015, meeting were presented. Leif made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike. Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Review of the EPCRA 2016 Computer Grant: A motion by Leif and seconded by Mary Anne to approve the budgeted purchases of an interactive smartboard and computer for the EOC. Carried.

Review Facility List: JP MADGETT STATUS: Leif and Steve explained the addition of ammonium hydroxide at the plant. Although hazardous in nature does not pose an overall plume threat. Steve presented an EPA ruling on the issue of ammonia vs. ammonium hydroxide. Of significant concern is the frequent, weekly delivery of bulk ammonium hydroxide through the county to the JP Madget station (Corrosive PLACARD 8). The Nelson Fire Department as well as Alma Fire have been notified.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht asked if we were aware of Penical Chemical in Waumandee. Ron Olsen, Waumandee Fire Department will be contacted.

Financial Reports: Expenditure report was reviewed without discussion. The year to date report was reviewed. A question was raised about the write in under line item .998 Contingency. That line item is the allocated location for the disbursement of the previous year's roll-over funds. They will not be entered until after the county audit.

Review Spill Report: Steve had a discussion on a semi roll over on 35, in the Tiffany Bottoms area. SERTS ID 20160516WC06-01. The issue of booming the river was discussed. Boom availability was also validated and added to the dispatch protocol. Kelly was present during the event and provided details about the response and containment.

November BNSF Derailment: The Federal Railroad Administration issued Buffalo County a Freedom of Information Act number FOIA-16-232. The final report is not available.

Emergency Directors Report: Reported on the changing dynamics and regulations on drones.

Members Report: No items to report.

Chair Report: No items to report.

Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items: The next meeting will be August 18th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Items for discussion would be the 2017 budget and drone.

Meeting was adjourned by the Chairmen at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen S. Schiffli
Director, Buffalo County Emergency Management