

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

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

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, August 26, 2021

**Date of Filing:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021

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

**Members present:** Mr. Tom Hentges, Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Mr. Leif Tolokken (Teams), Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Burlie Williams (Teams), Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Lucas Teska, Mr. David Brommerich (Teams), and Ms. Josie Knauber (Teams).

**The Minutes of the previous meeting were presented.** The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Ms. Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes via roll call vote, seconded by Ms. Carol Burmeister. Carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Introduction of the New Emergency Management Director:** Mr. Fuerbringer introduced the new Emergency Management Director, Mr. Lucas Teska. Mr. Teska described work experience he has. Mr. Hentges thanked Mr. Fuerbringer for his work and congratulated him on his retirement.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Financial Report:** The report shows income and expenses from January through August 25<sup>th</sup>. Some of these items are down due to COVID and having a part-time Emergency Management Director. Costs may rise with the addition of Mr. Teska.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2022 Budget Proposal:** Mr. Fuerbringer reviewed the grants and expenditures proposed for 2022. The County may want to look at the percentage of time allocated to Emergency Management. Now would be the time to increase that as some of the duties of Risk Management would be Emergency Management duties. A split of 70/30 could be looked at. Mr. Engfer made a motion to approve the budget with recommending funding the position at 70/30, seconded by Mr. Brommerich. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** The Hazard Mitigation plan gets updated every 5 years. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission is working on this update. A short survey was sent out to all the municipalities and EMS organizations. He received back about 50% response. The plan should be completed in October.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Spill Report:** Mr. Fuerbringer reported there have been two spills since the last meeting. Both were ash wastewater by Dairyland Power and have been cleaned up.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding LEPC Member Reports:** Mr. Engfer reported that the Sheriff's Department is in the final stages of an 800 MHz radio project.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the LEPC Chair Report:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Engfer made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Hansen. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk