

Darke County LEPC Minutes
September 21st, 2021

This meeting of the Board Members of the Darke County LEPC was called to order at the Darke County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 10:00 am by President Matt Aultman. Josh Haney took the roll call. The minutes of June 15th, 2021 meeting were presented for review Terry Holman made a motion to accept the minutes, Marc Cantrell 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Reviewed the detailed expense and income information. A copy was provided to all. Terry Holman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Todd Kendall 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business:

- We are going to reconvene on the Eldora planning. Spoke with the fire chief in Rossburg and Eldora and they are still on board. They have their last race of the season, this weekend and then they will be able to continue planning for that scenario. We are going to start with a table top. We would like to do it in the December-March time frame.

New Business:

- We did do some minor updates on the plan last year. We are able to do no change recommendations for 3 years. My recommendation would be to submit a no change for this year. I spoke with a couple people that thought that we should sit down next year with our hazmat team and do a full review with them. Alan Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation to submit a no change letter for the hazmat plan, Mike Colamarino 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- We do an annual contract between EMA and LEPC in the amount of \$4000.00, we wait until after our SERC grant comes in. There have been no edits or changes outside of the dates on the contract. Tod Kendall made a motion to accept the EMA/LEPC Contract, Terry Holman 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- We received a request for training funds. Liberty Twp. Fire Dept. is planning to host a propane emergency response training on November 6th 2021. They are requesting \$2000.00 to help fund that training. They have a maximum of 30 students I believe they have almost filled that. They were able to get the propane donated so the only expense would be for the instructor's fees. Mark Whittaker made a motion to pay Liberty Twp. Fire Dept. \$2000.00 for propane training, Mike Colamarino 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Members Comments:

- Scott Hill, Scott was unable to make the meeting today. Wayne Healthcare report read by Mindy Saylor: They are seeing a lot of COVID. Most of their hospitalized individuals are unvaccinated. Hospital bed status has been full for days. Other hospitals are also full and they are not taking transfers. Supplies are doing ok right now.
- Mark Whittaker, the biggest problem the Sheriff's office is facing right now is staffing. Staffing numbers are getting pretty critical for us. We are down 7 correction officers at this time. We have had no major issues at any of our special events this year.

- Chad Kimmel, we just moved into our expansion back in October of last year. We are in the middle of redoing our old office. It will be a complete renovation. Midmark is hiring as well. We just bought a company out of Kansas. There are 4 different locations in Kansas.
- Dylan Didier, we had a really big year. We laid down about 2500 tons of asphalt this year. We spent the majority of our time up north. We helped with traffic control with the fair and Eldora.
- Mike Colamarino, we have prairie days this weekend. It will e Saturday 10-5 and Sunday noon-5.
- Marc Cantrell, the red cross has been busy. We went from about 80 disaster relief operations about a month ago to 54. Wild fires are still going strong. We have people deployed there.
- Terry Holman, we have a total of 6626 COVID cases from last March to today. 136 deaths, 348 hospitalizations, 56 new cases from yesterday, 551 cases that are active out in the county. There have only been 5 deaths in the last 30 days. There has been an uptick in the virus.
- Matt Aultman, A Paulding County Commissioner took their own life yesterday. He had only been a commissioner for 8 months. If you know someone, even if they are putting up a good shield reach out to their buddies and see how they are. We are starting early discussions about a bypass around Versailles. The county has retained an ARP accounting firm for our funding. We're working on getting a contract for all the townships and villages. The county is sitting on about \$10 million to do some things. There are multiple projects being discussed at this time.

Respectfully Submitted:

Josh Haney

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Haney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "J" and "H". A horizontal line is drawn across the signature, starting from the left and ending under the "y".