

Darke County LEPC Minutes
June 20th, 2023

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 March 21st, 2023 meeting were presented for review Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the minutes, Jordan Francis 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. Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan Francis 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business

- We had our Rail Incident tabletop exercise on 05/04/2023. We had a great turnout with representatives from HazMat, Ansonia, Versailles and Union City. We are planning to work with CSX to bring more training here. We are planning to review the report and send a summary out to the group.
- We continue to work on the eclipse planning. At the last meeting we formed a few subcommittees. They will meet and share information with the group. We are working on maps to pass out with key areas marked. Public safety plans to utilize the Ohio Fire Chiefs Response Plan for possible additional units if needed. The peak of the eclipse will be around shift change so that's something to plan for.

New Business

- This is our reorganization year. If anyone is interested in joining the executive board, we will take a nomination. Russ Thompson made a motion to keep the open positions the same as previous year, Krista Fourman 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Executive Board positions will remain as follows: Chairman – Matt Aultman, Vice Chairman – Brian Phillips, Treasurer – Mark Whittaker, Secretary – James Schaar.
- Ken Johnson provided a detailed summary and overview of the Richmond Indiana Recycling Building fire and its impact on Darke County.

Members Comments:

- Mark Whittaker, we are in the middle of a remodel. The jail doors are being revamped. We are down a ward so we are housing some inmates in other counties. That does not impact our operation at all. Hoping to complete this project by October. We are very busy with all the other projects going on.
- John Wright, we confirmed shelter agreements for 7 locations around the county. We ended up with 4 schools, 2 churches and the fairgrounds. We have assisted with 3 fire events since our March meeting.
- Ken Johnson, I have put some information together on the Dolphin Swim Club hazmat incident in Troy.
- Russ Thompson, Darke Count Fire Chiefs Association started an initiative to build a live fire training facility in Darke County. To date we have raised almost \$100,000.00. Our biggest contribution came from The Village of Osgood in the amount of \$25,000.00. Our goal is to raise at least half of the needed funds and apply for the State of Ohio Capital Improvement Fund to see if we can get that. If not, we will continue to campaign for donations.

- Laurie Mamazza, starting this Saturday, we have people coming in to do a construction project on our South Lot. We are redoing all the concrete. The whole area will be shut down for approx. 6-8 weeks. Will send a map and information to distribute to public safety.
- Mike Colamarino, Bash at Bish is this Saturday. There will be a lot of activities for families and kids. We expect 400+ people to attend the event. They will be parking at the Middle School and the American Legion on Ohio St. Greenville Transit will be moving people.
- Krista Fourman, The Darke County Solid Waste District received the EPA grant. We will be doing Tire Days September 20th, Household Hazardous Waste on October 7th and another Shred Day on October 14th. I will send Trash Bash numbers.
- Dylan Didier, The Village of Gordon will have construction. They will have detour signs posted. That project is subcontracted and ODOT is not doing the work. We are finishing some work just West of New Weston this week.
- Chadley Davidson, Last week we had all of our MARCS radios reprogrammed. Currently working on getting our HazMat program back up and running. Our COVID numbers keep dropping.
- Matt Aultman, They Countywide internet is still in process. It will be a completely wireless system. We are also looking into a countywide electric aggregation. You will see more information about that come out.

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, and the name "Josh Haney" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font below the line.