

**Darke County LEPC Minutes**  
**March 16th, 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 December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were presented for review Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the minutes, Brian Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Mike Colamarino made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jim Schaar 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, report accepted.

**Old Business:**

- We spoke back in July about the annual exercise requirements and how the state issued an exemption. They have asked us to make a request with a letter for state fiscal year 2020 to ask for an exemption due to the pandemic for our exercise requirements. This is based on House Bill 412 that Governor DeWine signed on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. We will need a motion to approve this. Alan Keaser made a motion, Russ Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- We are now in state fiscal year 2021. As of right now state employees are still unable to travel outside to participate. We do have to have a facilitator for the SERC to approve our exercise. We have been approached by a few facilities that would be interested in having an exercise but until the state releases their SERC facilitators, we cannot get credit for it. I would entertain that we go ahead and sign the letter requesting exemption for state fiscal year 2021 but hold it to see if between now and June they release them to come out and do the exercises. We can still do exercises locally we just can't get credit for them from the state. Jim Schaar made a motion, Mike Colamarino 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

**New Business:**

- We make an annual payment to our fire chief association in the amount of \$1200.00. This comes from our SERC grant and they put it in the hazmat fund and use it to support our hazmat team. We need a motion to continue with that payment. Todd Kendall made a motion to approve \$1200.00 payment to Darke County Fire Chiefs Association, Russ Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- SERC Reports Update – We have received 62 out of 75 tier II reports so far. I will compile a list of outstanding facilities and begin reaching out to them. Currently working on getting the tier II reports received, entered into the spreadsheet.
- Next week is severe weather awareness week. Some of the schools have reached out and they do want us to come in and participate in their tornado drills this year. The statewide tornado drill is next Wednesday at 9:50 am if your facility would like to participate. There are two virtual spotter trainings remaining. Tuesday march 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm and Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. If anyone would like to participate let us know and we will send you the information.

### **Members Comments:**

- Brittany Weitzel, we did our clinic yesterday and we will do another one this Thursday. Normally we have second dose clinics on Friday but our vaccine was delayed due to the snow storm a few weeks ago so nobody will be getting second doses this week.
- Russ Thompson, Saturdays railcar hazmat training classroom portion is being conducted in the morning at Greenville Twp. Emergency Services training room. After that everyone will move to the fairgrounds where they will conduct the hands-on portion. Both hazmat trailers will be deployed. This is through Findley University and paid for with a grant that Brian Pearson at Versailles FD found. As of this morning they have at least 40 people from around the county signed up. Various exercises will be conducted.
- Jim Howell, I'm with Edison State Community College and I work for the Department of Public Safety. With us having a campus in Greenville we thought it was important to reach out to the LEPC and get more active in the community.
- Alan Davis, This year salt cost \$77 per ton. We made a commitment to this county to convert some of our trucks to use liquid. We put 5, 2000-gallon tankers out this year. That saved us probably 1000 tons or more of salt. We came close to putting down 1 million gallons of brine. You will see some paving on 185 & 503. That will take place sometime mid-summer.
- Mike Colamarino, we completed our sugar maple event. We did self-guided tours due to COVID. We had great public participation. The trails and parks are being used regularly. We are glad to see the public out enjoying those things. Coming April 1<sup>st</sup> we will be taking over Bears Mill. Nothing will be changing at the mill it will just be over seen by Darke County Parks. We will put another Darke County staff member there to help the miller. In April we will have a lot of positions opening and we will be expanding.
- Scott Hill, COVID for us is looking better. We continue to see a down trend. There was only 1 COVID patient on the board in the ER yesterday. The new expansion is fully operational. We are busy working on and updating policy drills. We would like to do a full-scale hazmat drill if anyone would be interested.
- John Wright, we do a lot of virtual response due to COVID. We provide the exact same services only virtually.
- Alan Keaser, we had a spill here on Thursday. A truck driver hit an object in the road. When he pulled onto our ramp, he realized he punctured one of his fuel tanks. He lost approx. 30 gallons of diesel fuel onto the blacktop. We made contact with all necessary agencies. Our response team worked very well. We pulled our hazmat cart and was able to use the absorbent socks to keep it out of the water drain. We are planning to send some of our guys to a hazmat training in Rossburg this Sunday. We also have a new environmental person starting by the name of Heather Burgis. I will send he contact information when she starts.

- Mark Whittaker, if any of you have fleets of vehicles and can keep them secured, I recommend that you do it. There is a wide verity of people out there stealing catalytic converters. We have several victims that have been hit several times. We are also dealing with identity theft due to unemployment fraud. If you or anyone you know has been a victim of this, you should reach out to Ohio Job and Family Services and also report it to your local law enforcement agency.
- Matt Aultman, we have a 3.1-million-dollar project moving forward at the airport. When that's done, we will be putting in a fuel farm. We are putting in 2-12000 gallon above ground tanks. We plan to remove all below ground tanks by 2023. We are looking at the COVID relief package #2 that's coming down from the federal government. We are looking at how that moneys going to be used. It looks like Darke County could possibly see approx. 24 million.

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Josh Haney*

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