

Darke County LEPC Minutes March 19, 2024

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 Vice President Brian Phillips. The minutes of September 19, 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. Krista Unger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan Francis 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business

- Solar Eclipse Planning Update: The solar eclipse is April 8th 2024. We have scheduled another meeting for March 21st at 2:30pm. If anyone would like to attend those meetings please let us know. We want to get an update on events that are planned around our area. Communication is a big concern. We ran into some communication issues during the fair. There were a lot of cell phone coverage issues. Remind business to put the date on their calendar for deliveries. There is a potential for traffic to be impacted that day.

New Business

- Mindy Saylor presented quotes from contractors to perform a Commodity Flow Study with funds from the HMEP Grant. Three quotes were reviewed from Tetra Tech, JH Consulting and Resource Solutions. After review and discussion, the motion was made by Russ Thompson and 2nd by Jordan Francis to contract with JH Consulting. All in favor, motion passed.
- Annually we give the Fire Chiefs Association \$1200.00 from our SERC grant. They put that money into the HazMat account and it is used for equipment and maintenance. Jim Schaar made a motion to move \$1200.00 from SERC Grant to DC Fire Chiefs Assoc. for HazMat Team, Mark Whittaker 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- LEPC annual exercise has been rescheduled from Friday March 22nd and a new date will be set soon.
- Tornado recovery continues following the March 14th EF2 which entered into Darke County at the Ohio/Indiana state line and continued across the county exiting into Miami County.
- HMEP training is scheduled for 9/14/24 Lithium Battery Response and Alternative Fuels

LEPC Planner Report

- Kevin Subler Report: Continue to update the facility data in CAMEO and spread sheet. To date 19 EHS and 62 HS have been received with 21 pending.

Members Comments:

- Sam Reed & Phil Clayton: Governor's office just released information on an initiative to collect and destroy stockpiled firefighting foam containing PFAS. Ohio has declared a State of Emergency in response to the March 14th tornado outbreak and the State EOC is partially activated.
- Eric Cook: They will be on shutdown during the Eclipse but will have 200-250 contractors on site and will last 4-5 days.

- Alan Davis, ODOT is transitioning from winter to spring with some culvert and asphalt projects
- Krista Unger, updated on the upcoming recycling programs.
- Mike Colamarino, The Parks District has 3 events during the solar eclipse with music and food trucks. They are taking woody debris from the tornado damage until 4/1.
- Chadley Davidson: Wayne Healthcare will be adjusting shift hours on eclipse day to overlap, the walk-in clinic will be open 7am-5pm. They have received 50 GETS cards and are setting WPS for some cell phones. They will operate in a Code Yellow from 4/5-4/8.

Respectfully Submitted:


Mindy Saylor