

**ALLEN COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)**

Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020

Members present: Steve Harvey, Ted Brookman, Rick Skilliter, Carol Bertrand, Beth Seibert, Tom Berger, William Kelly, Catherine Reed, Trevor Violet, Dieter Wireman, Brian Winegardner, Joseph Hutton, Craig Hohenbrink, Jeff Gunter, Michael Hensley and Kevin Cox

Members absent: Steve Carr Brian Rader, Clint Roland, Jed Metzger, Tim Haniford, Eddie Ramirez, Evert Wehrly, Todd Truesdale, Paul Swartz, Neil Goodwin, Andy Hefner, Thomas Mazur, Kevin Bruin, Rick Sanchez.

Guests Attending: Haley Beliste-Allen Soil & Water, Russ Decker-Nuetrien, Matthew Durkee-Mercy St. Rita's Police.

Craig Hohenbrink called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House and declared that a quorum was present.

Beth Seibert moved and Rick Skilliter seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 meetings with changes. Motion Passed

Tom Berger reviewed the financial report. Ted Brookman moved and Joe Hutton seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Passed.

Information/Emergency Coordinator's Report-

Tom Berger informed the group that the LEPC received the 2019 Recognition Award.

Tom informed the group of the resignation of Blake Bartels and Chief Bruce Black. Allen County Commissioners appointed Deputy Chief Andy Hefner and Paul Swartz as replacements.

Tom informed the group that the exercise design team met. Exercise date will be June 4th. Exercise participants include the Lima Memorial Hospital, American Township Fire and EMS, Allen County Sanitation Engineers, Allen Hazmat, Allen County EMA, and Allen County Sherriff Department.

Tom informed the group of the Tier II filings arriving. They will be placed in the CAMEO software program.

Tom informed the group of impending move the EMA office to a location on North West Street.

Tom also informed the group that the Allen County Hazmat Team would be going to bid for a new response vehicle.

Committee Reports:

- Public Health – Bill Kelly shared the latest on the Coronavirus outbreak. Bill stated the virus has been classified as a Class A reportable disease.
- Law Enforcement- Chief Deputy Winegardner informed the group that the Allen County Sheriffs Office had acquired a Bearcat response vehicle through the Homeland Security Grant program. Vehicle does have the ability to detect LELs.
- Red Cross- Catherine Reed update the group on the smoke alarm program that will be held on April 18th.

For the good of the order:

- Beth Seibert updated the group on the addition of an Agriculture and Natural Resources position to the extension office.
- Beth Seibert also informed the group of the annual the Good Friday Ottawa River Fish Fry and the Ottawa River Clean Up day April 25th.
- Carol Bertrand asked for a moment of silence to honor long time Perry Chief Gene Davis who passed away in late January.

Beth Seibert moved and Steve Harvey seconded a motion to adjourn.

Minutes by: Tom Berger