

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

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2020

Members present: Steve Harvey, Rick Skilliter, Haley Belisle, Tom Berger, Brian Winegardner, Jed Metzger, Joseph Hutton, Craig Hohenbrink, Kevin Cox, Eddie Ramirez, Todd Truesdale, Michael Hensley, Gene Smith, Carol Bertrand, Trevor Violet, Rick Sanchez, Ted Brookman, Andy Hefner, and Brandon Fischer.

Members absent: Steve Carr Brian Rader, Clint Roland, Tim Haniford, Paul Swartz, Kevin Bruin, Jeff Gunter, Catherine Reed, Dieter Wireman, Neil Goodwin, Shane Coleman,

Guests Attending: Anita Stechschulte -OEMA

Craig Hohenbrink called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. GoToMeeting platform and declared that a quorum was present.

Rick Skilliter moved and Steve Harvey seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting with no changes. Motion Passed

Tom Berger reviewed the financial report. Kevin Cox moved and Rick Skilliter seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Passed.

SERC Report

Anita Stechschulte reviewed the SERC meeting discussions. Reviewed exercise requirements and potential for legislation.

Information/Emergency Coordinator's Report-

Tom Berger informed the group of the need to begin planning for the spring exercise. County needs to complete the EOC and Sheltering deliverables. Tom asked for three committee members to be part of the exercise design team. Chief Todd Truesdale, Steve Harvey and Rick Skilliter volunteered to be part of the design team.

Tom informed the group that EMA offices have successfully moved to their new location at 2000 North West Street. EOC is now operational at that location.

Tom informed the group that Assistant Director Fillhart welcomed twin baby girls to his family and will be unavailable until the first week of December.

Committee Reports:

- Public Health – Brandon Fischer informed the group that a significant surge in COVID-19 patients was occurring in the County. This is causing a strain on Hospital system. Plans are underway for vaccine distribution.

- Law Enforcement- Chief Deputy Winegardner – informed the group that Law Enforcement agencies in the County are actively planning for the elections and the potential for civil unrest.
- Training – Chief Truesdale requested \$1945 for an 8hr Hazmat Refresher Course to be taught by Bad Day Training. Motion to approve expenditure Rick Skilliter, seconded by Jed Metzger. Motion Passed.
- Red Cross- N/A
- Citizen Core / CISM- Extremely busy supporting Health Departments and Schools. 67 callouts year to date.

For the good of the order:

- Tom Berger – Suggested moving the LEPC meeting to EMA building. Chief Truesdale made the motion to approve the move, Steve Harvey seconded. Motion passed.
- Haley Belisle – Informed of the Ottawa River Coalition removed a damn on August 27. Volunteers relocated 85 stranded muscles. Next ORC meeting is November 19th.

Steve Harvey moved and Gene Smith seconded a motion to adjourn.

Minutes by: Tom Berger