

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
July 19, 2007
1:00 pm

Voting Members Present:

Deron Wilkes	WVDHHR- BPH
Mike Dorsey	WVDEP
Alan Abbott	WVPSC
Rudy Raynes	WVSFM
James Riggs	WVDOH
Mike Goff	WVSP
Dan McKinney	WVDNR
Richard Jarvis	Municipal FD

Others Present:

Dale Petry	Kanawha County OES
Herb Lattimore	WVDHSEM
Laverne Stout	WVDHSEM
TD Lively	WVDHSEM

Call to Order

Mr. Rudy Raynes called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm, at the WV DEP Building, Kanawha City, WV, for those in attendance see conference roster. Mr. Raynes asked those assembled to review the minutes from May 30, 2007 for corrections, deletions or additions. *Mike Dorsey moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Jim Riggs seconded. Motion passed.*

Old Business

The addition to the SERC By-laws permitting conference calls, emails and other forms of electronic meetings was discussed. *Mr. Wilkes made a motion to add 4A and additional changes to the State Emergency Response Commission By-Laws. Mike Dorsey Seconded. By-laws will be held over for a 2nd reading at the LEPC/SERC Conference. Motion passed.*

“ARTICLE IX Section 4 (A) or renumber to Section 5 and renumber all succeeding entries in Article IX

With the prior approval of the chair, a board member may participate in a board meeting by means of teleconference, video conference or email connection if the member is unable to attend the meeting in person and if agreed to by the majority of members present”.

2007 HMEP Grant

The grants are continuing, progress reports are being received and requests for funds have been submitted by Ohio (\$4200), Pendleton (\$2164), Randolph (\$1000) and Kanawha/Putnam (\$555.20) LEPCs.

2008 HMEP Grant

Mr. Raynes discussed the need for members to serve on the sub-committee to review 2008 LEPC grant applications. Mr. Raynes asked for volunteers - Dan McKinney, Deron Wilkes, Mike Dorsey, and Richard Jarvis agreed to serve on the committee. The sub-committee requested a date in early September 10, 11, 13 or 14th to meet to review applications. Mr. Raynes stated the

sub-committee needs to determine if the current DHS grant will be able to provide funds for grant applications submitted under HMEP. If DHS funds can be utilized rather than the significantly limited HMEP funds those avenues should be explored. Mr. Lattimore suggested consulting with Mike Cutlip to determine if his program is able to provide funds for LEPC activities.

SERC/LEPC Grants

Laverne reported 20 LEPC's took the initial \$500 grant before 1 July, 2007, leaving 15,500 to be divided between those 20 LEPCs. *Mike Dorsey made a motion to divide \$15,500 between 20 LEPCs for a supplemental grant of \$800 to be distributed before 30 December 2007. Alan Abbott seconded. Motion passed.*

LEPC Memberships

None

By-Laws

The City of Bridgeport, Harrison County has submitted their own By-laws with a request from the SERC for review with the intent of becoming their own LEPC. There was considerable discussion on the validity of the request, whether it is permitted by WV Code or Federal Statute. The discussion also centered on whether or not this is an effort by the city to obtain EMPG funding as well. Mr. Riggs asked how this would coordinate with Harrison County's LEPC and would there be a conflict? Mr. Wilkes said he thought the City of Charleston was doing it, but the City of Charleston is an EMPG applicant, they do not have a separate LEPC. Commission members suggested the matter be tabled until we can research the law and Mr. Gianato is consulted. The commission asked Laverne to send them information on what West Virginia law contains and email the information to commission members so a determination can be made.

Training Subcommittee

Herb Lattimore reiterated NIMS classes must be completed soon NIMS 300 & 400, several agencies DNR, DHHR will be conducting 300 & 400 soon, for locations and dates please contact Herb. RESA will be responsible for conducting classes for NIMS 300 & 400 next year. <mailto:rmccallister@ag.state.wv.us>

Treasurer's Report

See attached listing

New Business

Mike Dorsey notified the commission that Darrell Penwell (Jefferson County OES Director) has been replaced by Barbara Miller.

US EPA's Conference will be held December 2-5, 2007 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the Pittsburgh Hilton. It was suggested the SERC provide funds for select individuals to attend at the Commissions expense. The Commission asked for a printed agenda, who attended last year and who cancelled to be provided to the Commission at the next meeting.

The Commission set the meeting dates for the next year:

September 26, 2007

Embassy Suites Charleston WV at the LEPC/SERC
Conference

November 15, 2007 1:00 pm

WV DEP Building

The next scheduled meeting will be September 26, 2007, at 1:00 pm at the Charleston Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV.

Motion to dismiss Jim Riggs, seconded Mike Dorsey, and motion passed.

Meeting ended at 2:00 pm