

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
September 24, 2007
3:45 pm

Voting Members Present:

Mike Dorsey	WVDEP
Alan Abbott	WVPSC
Rudy Raynes	WVSFM
James Riggs	WVDOH
Dan McKinney	WVDNR
Roy McCallister	WV Agriculture
Richard Jarvis	Municipal FD

Others Present:

Participants of the State Emergency Response Commission Conference

Call to Order

Mr. Jimmy Gianato called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Charleston, WV, for those in attendance see conference roster. Meeting packets were distributed to participants. Mr. Gianato asked those assembled to review the minutes from July 19, 2007 for corrections, deletions or additions. *Mike Dorsey moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Alan Abbott 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. Rudy Raynes made a motion to add 4A and the minor administrative changes to the State Emergency Response Commission By-Laws. Mike Dorsey Seconded. 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 continue arrive as well as completed projects.

2008 HMEP Grant

Mr. Gianato asked Mr. Raynes to discuss the sub-committee recommendations contained in the meeting packet. Mr. Raynes stated they'd received 24 applications, 19 were suggested for approval, 4 referred to the SAA and 1 did not meet the grant requirements. Mr. Gianato asked participants if they had questions or suggestions. No response. *Mr. Raynes made a motion to accept the sub-committee's grant recommendations. Roy McCallister seconded. Motion passed.*

SERC/LEPC Grants

Laverne reported 20 LEPC's took the initial \$500 grant before 1 July, 2007, leaving a balance of \$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

The following LEPCs submitted updated membership lists: Mason and McDowell County LEPC, *Rudy Raynes moved to approve, Mike Dorsey 2nd. Motion approved.*

By-Laws

The following LEPCs submitted updated By-Laws McDowell and Randolph Counties. Motion to approve contingent upon submission of signature pages. *Mike Dorsey moved to approve, Jim Riggs seconded. Motion approved.*

Training Subcommittee

Herb Lattimore he has funding available and all agencies need to be 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 & 800 NIMS qualified. RESA will continue to coordinate training and requires a minimum of 20 students per class. Agencies should coordinate with county directors to determine who in their county needs 300 & 400 NIMS training.

Treasurer's Report

See attached listing. *Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Richard Jarvis, Jim Riggs 2nd. Motion approved.*

New Business

The SERC received a letter recommending Walt Smittle serve on the State Emergency Response Commission. Mr. Gianato stated the SERC will follow up on the request.

The US EPA conference in Pittsburgh PA will be held December, 2007. *Rudy Raynes made a motion to approve up to 5 people and \$1300 each to attend the conference. Mike Dorsey seconded. Motion approved.*

Marc Bashoor addressed the committee: The Mineral County Hazmat Team in July notified the county they would cease operation in July. The team in conference with DEP realized they did not have the proper training. Regionally, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Grant counties have proposed to united and combine \$2500 each to form a regional hazmat team. Mr. Bashoor has asked the SERC for comment, and guidance on fee structures, procedures, responsibilities and if a bill needs to be introduced to set a fee structure for response. Mike Dorsey from DEP stated DEP has two roles in the hazmat arena; assist technicians and response. Units in Wheeling, Romney, Oak Hill and Charleston have inspectors who are RCRA trained. There is also an Emergency Response Unit in Elkview, they have a minimal amount of response equipment to assist with incidents. Mr. Dorsey asked Mr. Bashoor to provide a synopsis of his proposal and forward it to him so he can discuss the issue with DEP personnel. Mr. Dorsey does have some guidance on diesel and oil spills which he will distribute to participants. Mr. Raynes stated if Mr. Bashoor is interested in Regional Hazmat teams he should contact Sterling Lewis at the State Fire Marshal's Office 304 558-2191. As for the proposal to standardize the rate structure for spills/releases, he does not believe the Fire Marshal or the SERC has jurisdiction.

Mr. Raynes suggested Mr. Bashoor contact additional counties to determine how and why they set their own rate structure for spills/releases. Mr. Bashoor said he is currently coordinating with Wheeling/Ohio and Monongalia Counties, he is basically looking for guidance.

Mr. Gianato stated Laverne has accepted the position of Operations Officer, Mr. Clay Carney retired in July. She will continue to provide the SERC will administrative support until a replacement is hired and she will then train the new SERC Secretary on required duties and activities.

The Commission set the meeting dates for the next year:

November 16, 2007 1:00 pm WV DEP Building

The next scheduled meeting will be November 16, 2007, at 1:00 pm at the WV DEP Building, Kanawha City WV.

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

Meeting ended at 5:00 pm