

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
January 18, 2007
1:00 pm

Voting Members Present:

Rudy Raynes	Fire Marshal
Mike Dorsey	Environmental Protection
James Riggs	Division of Highways
Deron Wilkes	Bureau for Public Health
Dan McKinney	Natural Resources
Roy McCallister	Agriculture
Alan Abbott	WV PSC
Giles Watson	Dow Chemical
Mike Goff	State Police

Call to Order

Rudy Raynes called the meeting to order at 1:12 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 September 27, 2006 for corrections, deletions or additions. *Mike Dorsey moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Jim Riggs seconded. Motion passed.* The December 18th, meeting did not conduct business since a quorum was not present.

Introduction

Mr. Raynes introduced Mr. Don Elswick from Bayer Crop Science and Mr. Tim McPeak from Mercer County LEPC. Welcome to both gentlemen.

Old Business

Mr. Roy McCallister has been appointed to the SERC according to conversations with Mr. Gianato. The appointing paperwork should be following soon. Mr. Deron Wilkes is replacing Mr. Joseph Wyatt from the Bureau for Public Health. Mr. Giles Watson has informed the Commission he is retiring from Dow Chemical in February and this will be his last meeting. The Manufacturers Association will recommend someone to replace him; however he hopes he can be of assistance in the future in another position. Mr. Gianato asked the following be relayed to the members since he was unable to attend this meeting because he's testifying in federal court: The Tier II fee legislation will be sent to a committee for study this year and it is unlikely to pass this year, the grant by Verizon of 1.7 million will enable DHSEM to produce a web based Tier II reporting system which will be usable by 911, OES, LEPC's and other appropriate entities and he suggests we begin work on the 2007 LEPC conference as soon as possible.

2006 HMEP Grant

All LEPC's have received their grant allocations, three are pending final payments; Braxton, Jefferson and Hampshire. There is \$4000 remaining in the 06 HMEP grant and it was suggested those funds be re-allocated to counties requesting additional funds. After considerable discussion a motion was made to utilize the additional funds to off-set salary requirements *Jim Riggs moved to off-set salary requirements, Mike Goff seconded. Motion passed.*

2007 HMEP Grant

Mr. McPeak noted Mercer County is utilizing some of the data from McDowell County's recent Commodity Flow Study to assist them in completing their upcoming Commodity Flow Study.

The Commission members felt LEPCs should be utilizing information provided by other LEPCs completed projects to assist them in their endeavors. This would keep LEPCs from constantly having to “reinvent the wheel” so to speak and provide for more economical funding allocation. The Commission felt a letter should go out to all LEPC's and OES agencies encouraging them to work together, especially with surrounding counties to accomplish their goals. Mr. McKinney asked what other types of projects can the LEPCs do, that have not been already done. There was discussion on the types of projects and unfortunately there are only so many activities which are permitted under the US DOT guidelines. Most federal agencies are moving towards all-hazards plans including US DOT, however, this particular grant is specific to Hazardous Materials and any grant application **must** have a hazmat element. The grant funds are congressionally mandated for a specific problem- hazmat.

SERC/LEPC Grants

The Commission approved sending notification to LEPCs of the 2007 LEPC Grant. The Grants will remain at the current \$25,500 with initial payments of \$500 for each LEPC; remaining funds will be divided between those receiving the initial \$500 grant. There was discussion of increasing the \$25,500 grant amounts; however the Commission felt since they are just now curbing expenditures and the fund is beginning to be solvent, now would not be the time to relax the spending restrictions. *Mike Dorsey moved to keep the LEPC grants at \$500 for the initial payment with the remaining funds distributed after 1 July. Giles Watson seconded. Motion passed.*

LEPC Memberships

None pending

By-Laws

Lewis/Upshur has submitted an update to their by-laws. Laverne requested they be tabled until she has a chance to ask Mr. Farry some questions. .

Training Subcommittee

Mr. Lattimore again asked that the SERC stress the need for LEPCs, OES Directors and some volunteers to take and pass ICS 100, 200, 700 & 800 for NIMS Compliance. Mr. McCallister said the Department of Agriculture is conducting classes February 6th at the Lewisburg Fair Grounds and February 7th at Moorefield for ICS 100 & 200 from 8-4 pm. If you wish to participate please contact him at rmccallister@ag.state.wv.us

Treasurer's Report

Discussion centered on the expense categories and modifications to the amounts. It was determined two categories need to be increased- Laverne's salary and benefits (due to her reclassification from an Emergency Services Associate to Specialist) and a minor increase in the travel budget to visit LEPCs, the expenditures will remain the same.

New Business

Mr. Raynes requested a list of facilities that are in non-compliance from the 2006 report year. Mr. McCallister suggested if a facility does not comply then there should have the ability to request the Secretary of State not renew the business license of that entity. The Commission requested Laverne look into the situation and state requirements and contact Judy Cooper from

the Secretary of States office. Mr. McCallister also mentioned that Department of Agriculture will be conducting a Table Top exercise for DOH and other interested parties at Moorefield, March 21, 2007 for additional information please contact him at rmccallister@ag.state.wv.us . Mike Dorsey said US EPA will conduct an RRT meeting at US EPA Region III in February in New Jersey if you're interested please contact him at mdorsey@wvdep.org The Commission asked Laverne to discuss options with area hotels for the 2007 conference and report back as soon as possible.

The Commission set the meeting dates for the next year:

March 15, 2007	1:00 pm	WV DEP Building
May 15, 2007	1:00 pm	WV DEP Building
July 19, 2007	1:00 pm	WV DEP Building
Sep, 2007		To Be Determined - conference
November 15, 2007	1:00 pm	WV DEP Building

The next scheduled meeting will be March 15, 2007, at 1:00 pm at WV DEP in Kanawha City.

Giles Watson made the motion to dismiss, Deron Wilkes seconded. Motion passed

Meeting ended at 1:45 pm