

LEPC Meeting Minutes for 05/18/23

Called to order @ 9:15am by Jim Lopez, SJC EMA Deputy Director

Minutes presented, motion to accept by N. Kowalski, second by R. Magdalinski. Unanimous approval.

Guest speaker: Clinton Carlson, UND professor of Visual Communications. He discussed his ongoing work with educators in Santiago Chile on how to use visual communication signage to improve outcomes or getting the safety message out to the masses for hazards ranging from food recall to tsunamis. He indicated he would like to continue to be involved in ongoing LEPC and EMA work in St. Joseph County.

Lopez commented on the HazMat tabletop drill on 4/19/23 at EMA office. He commented and acknowledged on Zack Lutes excellent After-Action Report.

Discussed required NIMS trainings. Jerry Fussell commented they are having 300 class. Liz Reimink from IUSB said she is willing to get certified in Indiana to teach these classes. Discussed the Clay TRT Mabas Drill in October 23, and the SBFH HazMat Drill at Four Winds Field early fall '23. Jerry Fussell talked about the SB Water Works Drill in 2024, @ the Leeper Park Pumping Station.

Finance Report: Presented that \$18,545.98 was used to purchase a drone for the SBFH HazMat Team. This has left \$48,954.24 left in the account. Motion to accept by Fussell, seconded by Jason Dziubinski.

Committee Reports: Lopez suggested we have Planning, Fiscal and Communications Committees. Liz Reimink suggested we just do a Committee of the Whole. This was seconded by Zach Lutes. Unanimous approval.

Old Business: Talked about LEPC voting member and proxy. Reminded to send in Bio for LEPC membership.

New Business: Talked about having meetings quarterly per IERC standards. Motion by Mike Damiano for 4 meetings per year, seconded by Tracy Skibins. Unanimous approval. Reminded members of IERC meeting at Central Fire on June 2nd, 2023 @10am. Next meeting for LEPC is July 20th, @ Clay Fire Station, 18355 Auten Road.

Motion to adjourn by Jeremy Gerhndt, second by J. Dziubinski. Unanimous approval.

Completed by Al Kirsits, SJC EMA Director