

CARBON COUNTY LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 20 2012

OPENING:

The regular meeting of the Carbon County LEPC was called to order at 1:10 p.m. on 3/20/12 at the Red Lodge Fire Hall by Darrel Krum in Aaron McDowell's absence.

PRESENT:

John Prinkki, CC Commissioner; **Doug Tucker** CC Commissioner; **John Grewell**, CC Commissioner; **Darrel Krum**, DES; **Gina Bruner**, Public Health; **Roberta Cady**, Public Health; _____, Bridger PD; **Ralph Dawson**, Fromberg PD; **Jeremy Neibauer**, CCSO; **Quentin Thompson**, CCSO; **Tom Rieger**, CCSO; **Jill Washburn**, AMRC of Montana; **Wanda Kennicott**, Citizen; **Barb Beck**, Beck Consulting; **Thomas Kohley**, Map Murals; **Linda Barbee**, RLFD.

CALL TO ORDER:

Darrel Krum called the meeting to order in the absence of Aaron McDowell at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first order of business was to accept Aaron McDowell's resignation as LEPC Chairman. Aaron was thanked for his service to the organization. Tom Rieger nominated Tom Kohley to replace Aaron. No further nominations were received. A vote was taken and Tom Kohley was elected as the new LEPC Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Barb Beck distributed and reviewed the goals and projects identified by each jurisdiction for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and stated that a draft of the revised plan will be ready in mid-April for public review. The public comment period will finish the end of May and there are two public meetings coming up in Bridger and Red Lodge before then for comment.

2. Tom Kohley reminded everyone that the next strategic planning session for the LEPC is Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the Red Lodge Fire Hall. He reviewed why the LEPC is going through this process and invited all to attend, even if they had not been to the first two sessions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jill Washburn from the American Red Cross was introduced. She is the Disaster Action Team Chair for Yellowstone and Carbon Counties, as well as several other counties. She is also a Disaster Inspector, Duty Officer, Tribal Liaison and works with the Campus Corps as well. Jill is working in Carbon County to rebuild relationships and form agreements for disaster response and relief efforts. She is looking to partner with local organizations, businesses and build a volunteer group. She is willing to come and talk about Red Cross if a meeting is organized for interested volunteers.

2. The meeting was open to discussion regarding recent fire activity in the county and if there were any issues identified that needed to be addressed. There appears to be some confusion around the county and at dispatch regarding "red flag" warning terminology and

communication. Also some discussion regarding the value of burn permits. The Commissioners and DES have been meeting with Stillwater County to look at these issues. Tom Rieger and Darrel will meet with the County Attorney to clarify the issue and terminology and devise a plan for related public education.

There were also some issues identified with noise and static on radios in the Joliet area.

3. Aaron McDowell gave an overview of the functional exercise that had taken place earlier today involving the 83rd Civil Support Group. The exercise included law enforcement, HAZMAT, fire, hospital and ambulance participation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. by Tom Kohley. The next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on April 17, 2012 at the Red Lodge Fire Hall.