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**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room 22
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
January 11, 2016
11:00 AM (start time was 11:11 AM)**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Larmore—Marion County LEPC
Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of ISP
Becky Waymire—Morgan County LEPC
Ian Ewusi—IDHS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE:

Dean Larson—Public Representative
Sherman Greer—Public Representative

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shawn French—Business/Industry Representative
James Pridgen—Business/Industry Representative

The following Commissioners, staff and audience members were present:

Bernie Beier—Local Govt. Rep
Brad Gavin—IDHS
Catherine Dutton—IDHS
James Greeson—IDHS
Madison Roe—IDHS
Charlie Heflin—IDHS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Jeff Larmore noted that at the request of IERC Chair he would be the acting committee Chair for this meeting.

QUORUM

Mr. Heflin indicated a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 9, 2015, meeting minutes was made by Ms. Waymire and seconded by Mr. Ewusi.

Roll call vote

Dean Larson—YES
Sherman Greer—YES
Matt Bilkey—YES
Becky Waymire—YES
Ian Ewusi—YES
Jeff Larmore—YES

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Larmore introduced the agenda item *Hot Tips* which was topic from previous meetings. Mr. Larson indicated that there is no interest in the project so he requested to discontinue pursuit of it.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ewusi reported that he will be sending out an updated version of the LEPC fact sheet to committee members for comments and/or suggestions. He noted that the updates reflected changes to the 2015 Indiana Codes and anticipated another update after the 2016 legislative session.

Mr. Larmore introduced the agenda item titled *EMAI/IERC 2016 conference*. Mr. Greer and Ms. Waymire inquired about whom to contact for the 2015 conference certificates and Mr. Larson advised them to contact Ms. Jen Tobey, the past president. Mr. Greer inquired about the status of the proposed IERC Retreat and Mr. Larmore advised that the issue had been tabled until the March IERC meeting. Mr. Larmore asked if there was anything the committee needed to do to assist the EMAI Board. Mr. Gavin reported that he still waiting on a conference MOU/agreement from the EMAI Board and that IDHS staff would be participating in all discussions with the EMAI board.

Mr. Larmore noted that Ms. Stephanie McKinney is the 2016 conference chairperson and so the committee will likely be dealing with her. He also noted that the committee should reach out to the Indiana Alliance of Hazardous Materials Responders (IAHMR) to discuss possibly partnering with them for the conference as well. Mr. Larmore reported that he will contact the IAHMR Chair to discuss any foreseen the opportunities. Ms. Dutton reiterated the fact that IDHS would be interested in helping IAHMR with the financial aspect of the conference.

Ms. Dutton reported that the Marriot Hotel is the selected location of the 2016 EMAI conference but she was not aware of the selected dates.

Mr. Heflin asked if a new Communications Committee Chair needed to be selected by the committee and presented to IERC for vote. Mr. Gavin advised that the bylaws of the IERC allow the IERC Chair to appoint the committee chair and that the committee could also make a recommendation.

Mr. Larson suggested asking Stephanie McKinney to become a member of the communications committee. Mr. Ewusi advised that Ms. McKinney would accept the offer and that he would contact her with the proposal. Mr. Larmore noted that he would make the recommendation to the IERC to appoint Ms. McKinney to the Communications Committee.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

No general discussion topics were brought before the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

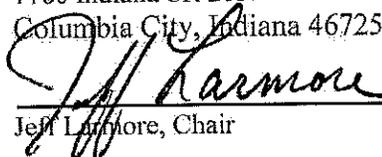
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Waymire and was seconded by Mr. Bilkey.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41am

NEXT MEETING

March 14, 2016
Peabody Library
1160 Indiana SR 205
Columbia City, Indiana 46725



Jeff Larmore, Chair