

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING  
Bloomington Township Fire Department  
5081 N. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, Indiana  
March 12, 2012 1:00 P.M.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

**ROLL CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Garvey – IDHS

Sherman Greer – Local Government

J. Eddie Goff – Public Representative

Roger Powers – Local Government

Bruce Palin – IDEM

James Greeson – State Representative

Carlos Pettiford - ISP

**The following Commission members were absent:**

Carol Shelby – Public Representative

Brian Lott – Local Government

Dean Larson – Public Representative

Shawn French – Industry Representative

James Pridgen – Industry Representative

**The following staff members were present:**

John Steel – IDHS

Laura Steadham – IDEM

Mara Snyder - IDHS

Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM

**The following members of the audience were present:**

Jeff Larmore – Marion County

Brad Gavin - IDHS

John Hooker III – Monroe County

Jessica Deckard – Monroe County

Jim Comerford – Monroe County EMA

Sam George – Sam George and Assoc.

R. Stacy Voliva – Monroe County Hospital

Mike Cronman – Ellettsville Fire Department

Jim Plum – Jefferson County

Pam Thevenow – Marion County

Thomas Lee – Monroe County

Benjamin Ayers – Monroe County Highway

Ivan Lee – Monroe County Health

John Langley – Monroe County Health

Scott Sargent – IU Health Bloomington

**QUORUM**

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the January 9, 2012, meeting was made by Mr. Palin and seconded by Mr. Goff. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chairman Garvey reported on the final activities of the Super Bowl and the recent tornado activity that struck Southern Indiana. He then referred to Mara Snyder to report on Senate Bill 255, the legislation, the bill that will allow reallocation of funds from inactive LEPCs.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair**

Mr. Greer reported from the morning Communications Committee and the status of the upcoming IERC/LEPC Conference. The tentative agenda topics include;

- Welcome and awards
- HSEEP Presentation
- LEPC 101 and Updates
- Social Media for LEPCs
- Waxahachie Texas Chemical Fire

IERC meeting has been moved from Monday September 10 to Friday September 14 to coincide with the conference.

Mr. Greer also provided the following budget estimate budget for the conference;

- \$1,000 travel for speaker
- \$5,000 support to conference organizers
- \$4,000 miscellaneous expenses ,such as commissioner travel and awards
- \$3,000 Conference shirts

Total \$13,000

Mr. Powers made a motion to approve these expenses, second my Mr. Palin, **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs**

No Report

#### **Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair**

No Report

#### **Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair**

Mr. Palin provided a report on the commission spending plan. That the legal fund balance is \$73,612, and is working with accounting to get a final balance. Currently there is \$27,500 approved for spending.

Mr. Goff made a motion to accept committee reports, second by Mr. Powers. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Modifications for Tier II reporting, to date 60 paper reports submitted, nearly 5,000 have been submitted electronically.
  - Updating fields to include taxpayer ID and other revisions \$5,000 cost
  - Mr. Greer made a motion to approve this expense, second by Mr. Powers, **MOTION CARRIED**
- White County Special Funding Request
  - Request for the White County LEPC to fund their CERT Program. Discussion that this does not fall under the scope of LEPC funding and no haz-mat training provided.
    - Mr. Powers made a motion to deny, second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION DENIED**
- Ethics Training – Brad Gavin IDHS Ethics Officer
  - Mr. Gavin reported that the required ethics training will be offered between April 2 and 20, 2012 for the IERC and LEPCs
  - Training will be similar to previous years
  - Will be sending to members of LEPCs

## **REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Ewusi provided a report on the following topics

- LEPC meeting dates posted
- Elkhart County
  - Issue with membership, the County EMA has been voted on to the LEPC, but still issues with access to records.
- 2012 Funding
  - 2011, 71 LEPCs funded, in 2012 only 67 will be funded, 15 will not be funded, 9 counties are inactive.
- CAMEO Trainings
  - Conducted CAMEO trainings I in Ripley, Delaware and Vanderburgh Counties
- EPCRA Reporting Training
  - Last one conducted in Jackson County
- LEPC Online Reporting
  - Working with agency IT director on obtaining bids in the near future, and IDHS programmers to help oversee project progress. \$25,000 has been budgeted for this project.
- Spill Report
  - Reported on continuous spills in Marion and Lake county
- EPA SERC Meeting

- Mr. Ewusi will be attending will be attending the EPA Region V SERC meeting at the end of March, and asked for concerns from commission members to be sent to him so they can be addressed at this meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS**

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 51 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Adams	Allen	Boone	Carroll	Clay	Clinton	Daviess
Dekalb	Dubois	Floyd	Fountain	Fulton	Greene	Hamilton
Harrison	Hendricks	Henry	Howard	Jackson	Jay	Jefferson
Knox	Kosciusko	LaGrange	Lake	Madison	Marion	Miami
Monroe	Orange	Owen	Parke	Perry	Porter	Posey
Pulaski	Putnam	Randolph	Rush	Shelby	Spencer	St. Joseph
Sullivan	Switzerland	Tipton	Union	Wabash	Warren	Warrick
White	Whitley					

Mr. Palin made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Greer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEPC COMMENTS**

Pam Thevenow from the Marion County LEPC inquired when the EPCRA reports will be released. She was advised they would be released by the end of April.

Jeff Larmore, Marion County LEPC asked is the redistribution policy for funds being addressed. Ms. Snyder said it will be addressed and the funds would go to adjoining counties who want to pick up additional inactive counties.

**EPA COMMENTS**

No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam George a former IERC Member and a contractor who does plans and commodity flow studies, complimented John Steel and Ian Ewusi for the work they do with the LEPCs.

**NEXT MEETING**

May 14, 2012, 1:00pm  
 Indiana Government Center South  
 Indianapolis, Indiana

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

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Michael Garvey, Chair