

**Price County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 20, 2022

Time 1:30 p.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Doug Rasmussen at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Michelle Edwards, Josh Englund (remote), Brian Ernst, Jerry Ernst, Blaine Peterson (alt. for Michael Hauschild), Roxanne Kahan, Paul Melby (remote) Kristin Palecek (remote), Doug Rasmussen, Philip Richard (remote). Excused: Joe Baratka, Philip Bochler, Jeff Hallstrand, Darla Isham, Brian Schmidt. Absent: Jean Klimowski.

Jean reviewed attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Ashland Hazmat Level B Team now led by Captain Matt Spangler. Fire Chief is Stuart Matthias
2. Approve minutes of January 19, 2022 meeting: Motion J. Ernst/Edwards to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approve By-Laws: Motion Kahan/J. Ernst to approve the bylaws as presented. Motion carried.
4. Officer elections
 - a) Vice-Chairperson: Kahan nominated Jerry Ernst, who declined. Kahan nominated Michelle Edwards. Motion Kahan/J. Ernst to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Michelle Edwards as committee vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
5. Facility updates: Kristin Palecek from Park Falls Paper Mill. Still working on getting hazardous materials removed. Jerry Ernst discussed the issue Park Falls is having to adjust for the water volume the Paper Mill has used in the past. Roxanne confirmed that there are no reports of hazardous materials at the idle Phillips Lionite mill.
6. Emergency Management Report – Roxanne Kahan: Reviewed the functions of an Emergency Operations Center. Requirement for full-scale exercises has been replaced with other planning options. Josh Englund reviewed the exercise requirement for the hospital.
 - a.) Hazardous Spills report: No reports.
 - b.) EPCRA Computer and Hazardous Response Equipment grant: Application was filed for \$10,757. Every four years qualify for \$6,000 for computers, which will be updated in the Emergency Operation Center. Hazmat team qualify for \$2,000; they requested pagers.
 - c.) EPCRA Planning and Administration grants: 2022 estimated \$7,982, 2023 estimated \$8,023. Grant period is changing to calendar year. Implementing an Integrated Preparedness Plan to set priorities and outline a multi-year schedule of preparedness activities.
7. Schedule Next Meeting: October 19.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk