

# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Communications & Technology Building

1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Manitowoc, WI

July 1, 2020

Attendance: Gary Shavlik, Jerry Wendt, Debbie Holschbach, Karl Puestow, Jamie Aulik, Travis Waack, James Falkowski, Robert Mayer, Dave Funkhouser, Kayla Beckerdite, Bob Wegner, Amy John, Todd Bergman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shavlik at 9:06 am.

Minutes of September 10, 2019 Committee Meeting: Ms. Holschbach motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Aulik. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Gary Shavlik was nominated as Chair by Ms. Holschbach and seconded by Mr. Aulik. Chairman Shavlik called for additional nominations three times. Ms. Holschbach made a motion for a unanimous ballot, seconded by Mr. Aulik. The ballot was passed unanimously.

Karl Puestow was nominated as Vice Chair by Mr. Aulik and seconded by Mr. Falkowski. Chairman Shavlik called for additional nominations three times. Mr. Aulik made a motion for unanimous ballot, second by Ms. Holschbach. The ballot was passed unanimously.

Review By-Laws: Mr. Waack advised that the By-Laws need to be reviewed annually as required by EPCRA grant. Raised for review by Gary, reviewed by committee. No changes were recommended by committee.

Update on Hazmat Responses: Mr. Waack advised that there have been no HazMat responses since last meeting. In April, Tim Herzog was consulted by the Valders Fire Department for a call to a well-pumping station. A citizen mixed two chemicals in a pail and formed a gas. The pail was moved outside for disbursement, and no response was necessary.

Update on Emergency Management Operations: Mr. Waack advised that the previous Program Specialist, Amanda Fox resigned in October, and Kayla Beckerdite began in February as Program Manager. The Manitowoc County COVID-19 response is ongoing- 98 positives confirmed as of today. Compared to other places, Manitowoc County is in great shape. Some concern due to fact that cases have doubled since end of first week of June. Hospital capacity is great, no surge or capacity limitations, Emergency Services is in support role, and the Health Department is lead role. Emergency Services has supported response by releasing daily situation reports, filling Public Information Officer (PIO) function by providing updates to Seehafer news and the Valders Journal. Mr. Waack advised that the Emergency Services Department is managing personal protective equipment (PPE) for county. PPE is being provided through federal and state purchase programs. Supply-wise, Manitowoc County is in a better place now than beginning of pandemic.

Mr. Waack also advised that in early spring, Manitowoc County planned for potential flooding. Emergency Services held planning and coordination meetings with water-rescue prepared fire departments to develop swift water rescues plans if needed. Plans were not activated as there was no need. Mr. Waack advised that the Manitowoc County five year Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by county board in January. The five-year plan has been pushed out to all cities and villages in Manitowoc County for adoption. Only cities and villages need to adopt the plan separately, towns are included in County's adoption.

Mr. Waack advised that an MOU was signed with Seehafer Broadcasting to ramp up public notification capabilities. Point Beach Nuclear Plant is purchasing and installing generators for studio and WOMT transmitter site, to be funded separate from county nuclear budget. This ensures that AM/FM broadcasts will remain on the air during power outages for information sharing. A two way radio is being installed at Seehafer Broadcasting to ensure communications with studio from Manitowoc County Dispatch Center.

Mr. Waack also advised that the county developed a mass care sheltering trailer prior to pandemic. All supplies have been purchased and just need to be organized and moved to trailer. Lots of the supplies for the trailer was donated by the Red Cross. Trailer development does not change that the Red Cross is still the primary sheltering resources for Manitowoc County, but will be available to fill any gaps that may arise by Red Cross responses elsewhere. Having a County shelter trailer allows the Health Department and the Human Services Department to have supplies immediately.

Adjournment: Mr. Aulik moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Holschbach. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am.