



LaSalle County
 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting
April 6, 2021
 Minutes

Attendees:

In-Person

- Randy Freeman – IDOT
- Jay LeSeure – WCMY
- Don Jensen – LaSalle County Board Chairman
- Sarah Stuepfert, St. Margaret’s Health-Peru
- Dave Parrott – Sabic
- Michelle Kohr – Sabic
- Dale Keith – Agrium
- Brain Bressner – Ottawa Fire Department
- Connie Brooks & Fred Moore – LaSalle County Emergency Management

Via Zoom

- Julie Kerestes – LaSalle County Health Department
- Amanda Los – OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

Meeting was called to order at 11:10am.

Old Business

10/06/2020 & 01/05/2021 LEPC Meeting Minutes: Jay LeSeure made the motion to approve both sets of meeting minutes; Randy Freeman second motion; all ayes, motion carried.

Tier II Update

Fred gave an update that the annual Tier II Report period for fiscal year 2020 closed on 2/28/2021 with a total of 162 Tier II facilities and of those 53 are EHS facilities reporting in LaSalle County. There were 18 unique EHS; Sulfuric Acid, Chlorine, Anhydrous Ammonia, Hydrogen Fluoride, Sulfur Dioxide, Peracetic Acid, Nitric Acid, Acrylonitrile, Paraquat Dichloride, Terbufos, Hyrdoquinone, Sodium Naphtalene, Sodium Cyanide, Dimethoate, Titanium Tetrachloride, Hydrogen Peroxide, Hydrochloric Acid, and Methomyl. Sulfuric Acid, Anhydrous Ammonia, and Paraquat Dichloride had the most in quantity.

There was a handout on the spill reports received during the last quarter (see below).

Spill Reports January-March 2021				
Date Reported	Location (City)	Substance	Spill Cause	Report Number
1/21/2021	Mendota	Gasoline (Unk. Amount)	LUST	H-2021-0068
1/22/2021	LaSalle	BioDiesel Fuel (Unk. Amount)	Under ground sump	H-2021-0072
1/27/2021	Peru	Diesel (50-100 Gallons)	Broken hose buried in snow	H-2021-0096
1/31/2021	Peru	Diesel (Approx. 90 Gallons)	Jackknifed semi on I-80	H-2021-0110
2/1/2021	Peru	Gasoline (Unk. Amount)	LUST	H-2021-0116

There were no FOIA requests received during the 1st quarter of 2021.

Beginning 2nd year of 3year FFY 2019-2021 HMEP Grant, 80% reimbursement; to date, all submissions for reimbursement have been received.

LEPC Support Update – annual support invoices will resume in May 2021. Current account balance is \$9,334.38.

Citizen Corps

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Due to COVID, no new classes have been scheduled; IL CERT Train-the-Trainer program has been turned over to the CERT Association of IL's training committee as they're developing an online version because programs continue to request it.
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – Julie Kerestes said there were no new updates on LaSalle County MRC.

LaSalle County Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) – has not met because of COVID, but LaSalle County EMA received approval and accolades on the FY2021 Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) that was submitted, IEMA said it was one of the best one's written; IEMA also informed Fred that they used LaSalle County's Annex L (Alternate Housing) as a template for other counties in IL. Approved EOP, is required for agency accreditation which is due May 15th in 2021.

New Business

Plant/Pipeline/LaSalle Peru Utica Community Advisory Panel (LPU CAP) Updates

- Sabic – no safety issues to report, no employee or contractor reportable injuries, production is sold out, which is great news, and they're looking for production operators
- Agrium – previously scheduled project suspended and unclear when it will resume, no recordable injuries to report
- Enbridge – spring survey from Tampico to Joliet, no recordable injuries to report
- OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – trending up in COVID (+) patients; 13% increase and testing up all over the ministry
- SMH-Peru – COVID admissions downward trend, testing moving to Spring Valley location, St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru will be used for coordinated vaccination clinic on Wednesdays, to make an appointment – call your primary care provider or SMH-Peru
- Health Department – overall county positivity rate trending up ever so slightly, hospital COVID admissions are down, ICU COVID admissions are steady; vaccinations – public clinic on Friday, April 23rd from 11am-7pm at IVCC by appointment only, to make an appointment, go to: <https://lasallemounty.org/covid-19-vaccine-update/> 16-17 year olds can only get Pfizer vaccine and anyone 18 years up can get Moderna; Saturday clinics at the Health Dept for persons with mobility impairments; COVID testing by appointment still being done at the Health Department by calling 815-433-3366; large employers that meet IDPH criteria can be set up to get vaccine and vaccinate their own employees – in order to do that, contact Julie Kerestes or Bethanie Albrecht at the Health Dept. 815-433-3366 to go over qualifications; all qualifications must be met by the employer to be eligible, currently on 3 have met them – Kohl's Dist. Center, Exelon, & James Hardie.

Nomination for Brian Bressner as Vice-Chairman was made by Randy Freeman and second by Jay LeSeure; all ayes, motion carried. Nomination for Connie Brooks as Secretary was made by Brian Bressner and second by Randy Freeman; all ayes motion carried.

Updated draft By-laws were discussed with suggestions; Connie said she would incorporate suggestions and email them out to the membership. LEPC members were reminded that at the July meeting quorum would be necessary to vote on and pass the By-laws.

No members of the public were in attendance for comments

Next Meeting July 6, 2021 @ 11:00am

Meeting adjourned @ 12:10pm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Brooks".

Connie Brooks

LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency Director