



Teton LEPC Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Attendees: Kelli Hardwick, Rich Ochs, Amy Renova, Kevin Meagher, Brady Hansen, Alton George, Randy Knepper, Kristen Waters, Johnny Ziem, Doug VanHouten, Brian Coe, Lloyd Funk, Todd Smith, Jim Ligori, Mary Lou Klene, Mack McFarland and Chris Neubecker.

Call to Order: Rich Ochs called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Around the Room Introductions: Went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of November LEPC Meeting Minutes: Johnny Ziem made a motion to approve the November LEPC meeting minutes. Kristen Waters Seconded the motion. All Approved.

RERT #8 Raman Chemical Identifier Demonstration: Brian Coe demonstrated how the Raman works. it has a laser that can identify through an opaque item. Would use this in conjunction with the Hazmat Elite.

Mitigation Plan Update: Rich Ochs reviewed the draft and made some updates. FEMA reviewed the draft. The plan will be available for first responders and public on the web page for review next week. Then get a final draft out for approval.

JH Airport Full Scale Exercise Update: Alton updated everyone on the Airport exercise. March 17th at noon is the final planning meeting at the airport. The prop will be available to view on April 10th. April 11th is the full-scale exercise.

Teton LEPC Elections: Rich Ochs is the Chair and this position is appointed. The below positions are required by the LEPC by-laws. Rich reviewed the below positions.

- Vice Chair – Brian Coe
- Secretary – Kelli Hardwick
- First Responder Representative – Brian Carr
- Media Representative – Tom Ninnemann
- Community Group Representative – Jim Ligori
- Owner/Operator Representative – Kevin Meagher

Mary Lou made a motion to reelect the above people and positions. Johnny Ziem seconded motion. All approved. A show of hands vote election proceeded. Johnny Ziem made a motion to reelect the above people and positions. Todd Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

Around the Room Updates: Mack McFarland with the National Park Service – Winter operations are underway. Had one or two days of no unnecessary travel at Antelope Flats this week. This can affect response in emergency situations on the north part of the valley. Chief Ranger Nash has filled the North District Ranger and South District Ranger positions. They will start in the next few months. Mary Lou

Klene with Red Cross – Dee Buckstaff at the Montessori School and Craig are the only area members. Todd Smith with Jackson Police Department has had a handful of employees that were stuck in Idaho due to the weather. It is a reminder how vulnerable we are. Lloyd Funk with Teton County Sheriff also had limited resources due to the weather and it is always a concern. Brian Coe with Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Reminded everyone to stay safe. In the first 14 days of the new year there have been seven first responders including law enforcement that have been killed in roadside line of duty deaths. Training with Law enforcement on structure fires. Law enforcement is usually first on scene. Raman detector is in service. Will have a training throughout all the response community. Jackson Hole, Teton County Sheriff and Search and Rescue acquired a lower lever drone. It has a Matrice platform for a Search and Rescue or hazmat. Just got the FLIR camera operational this week. It will greatly increase our safety. Doug VanHouton from St John's Health reminded everyone they changed the name and are working on communicating road closures etc. FedEx was unable to make deliveries and shipments were delayed. Johnny Ziem with Public Works have been plowing a lot. Receiving fuel shipments on time. Don't flush wet wipes. Had an issue on one of the trunk lines in East Jackson. Kristen Waters Teton County PIO reminded everyone the new census study will start in March. People will be able to fill out the form on-line. This will save paper and time. If you lived here six months and one day it will count on the census. Encourage people to count their children. The census does not ask if you are US citizen. The Hoback drinking water stakeholder group is trying to figure out what to do regarding the drinking water. They will host a public meeting at Munger Elementary school in the next few months. Tribal Trails is having a public meeting at the library at end of February regarding alternative route to get onto Highway 22. You can pick up a radon kit at the health department for \$10. February 11th is the beginning of the state legislative session. There are special rates for commuters during road closures at Motel 8 \$39, Mountain Modern \$59.99 and Hampton Inn is \$79. Randy Knepper with Jackson Hole Airport asked everyone to slow down when driving. Arrive two hours early. There is parking available. This will be the last year to park and fly at the garage. The wind has been challenging to keep road open. Alton has been able to keep airport open even with weather. Chief Hansen with Jackson Hole Fire/EMS had a lot of help this week from Idaho emergency services to get our ambulances back to Jackson. Kevin Meagher with Public Works just invested in a FLIR video camera. Normal winter conditions. Starting construction on our new fleet maintenance shop this summer. Chris Neubecker with Teton County Planning is dealing with staffing levels and trying to fill positions. Updated the comprehensive plan and the growth management with the BCC. The community college purchased some land south of the high school. This will affect Town water/sewer and is County land. Also, working on a special event policy and will set up some type of working group soon. Working on ITP and talking about hiring a conservation planner. Rich Ochs with Emergency management let everyone know that Matt Brackin called earlier to thank everyone for their cooperation during road closures. Emergency Management will do public education on Idaho transportation status resources and raising awareness. Glad that we have a few facilities with generators in Moran. Daily the park has an incident commander which is a point of contact for road closures and contingency plans. Encourage everyone to keep up communications. During the upcoming budget session, state and local agencies should keep an eye on Wyolink. Making local jurisdictions pay for service. Have been working with Nate on a plan to put Wyolink on Teton Pass. Teton County radio technician is due back in February. Contact Riclyn Betsinger if you have any radio issues. Teton County has a contract with Day Wireless which will expire at the end of January. Currently reviewing RFPs to hire a contractor to assist with modifying our radio system. Our radio system is very old. We received 16 submissions. Jenny is finishing up her last week of the emergence program.

Adjourn: Brian Coe made a motion to adjourn. Doug VanHouten seconded the motion. All approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 8:30 AM