



Greene County  
Local Emergency  
Planning Committee

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## *Open Meeting*

### **LEPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING March 26, 2009 - MINUTES**

Members in attendance: Mike Bennett, Vice-Chair; Ryan Nicholls; Ralph Siccama; Chuck Kroeger; Jason Henry; and Karen McKinnis, Secretary.

The March 26, 2009 Greene County LEPC Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Mike Bennett at 11:40 a.m.

Ralph made a motion to approve the January Executive Committee Minutes, Karen seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed to approve the minutes as written.

Mike Bennett was congratulated on his Vice-Chair position from the recent LEPC election. Jason Henry was welcomed to the LEPC Executive Board as a new member-at-large.

Ryan passed out the 2009 budget and a discussion was held on the new budget which Ryan will draft for review at a later meeting.

The LEPC has a request for funding assistance from the Logan-Rogersville Fire Department Chief to attend Hazmat training in Maryland at the end of May. The total cost of the training is estimated to be \$1400.00. The current airfare is \$240.00 and the registration is \$395.00. There are training funds that could be available in the current LEPC budget. LRFD would then give a report on the training at the June LEPC General Membership meeting. Chuck made a motion to adjust the LEPC budget and to fund the airfare and registration fees for one person to attend this training. Ralph seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Ryan pointed out MERC is retaining training funds for the 2010 budget and will continue to provide state-wide trainings, somewhat based on regional needs and requests. This will reduce our local LEPC budget.

Ryan asked the committee to let him know of any special LEPC training opportunities in the future so he can better prepare the 2010 LEPC budget.

Another change in funding is the allowance of expenditures on fire fighter physicals (up to 66%) for Hazmat members. For Greene County LEPC this could be \$8,800 this year. We have 70 techs and they need physicals every 2 years. This is a regional support in funding – Ryan is waiting to see what the other five counties are prepared to fund. After discussing several potential scenarios it was decided to

consider a one-time funding commitment in an amount for one half of the existing hazmat techs in our region and to wait to see if the other LEPCs are making similar funding decisions with the remaining 34%. Ryan will get the funding information from the other LEPCs.

Lisa had compiled the “Food for Thought” responses from the last LEPC General Membership meeting and some good ideas were collected. The Executive Committee reviewed the member comments and discussion was had to make location selections based on member preferences and the budget. Karen will continue to try to select menus with limited selection options so we can control the cost as well as get the food to the meeting group fast in an effort to reduce wait staff noise and disruptions. Buffets work well, the Springfield Brewer was fast and efficient as well as Red Lobster.

It was decided to have the April meeting at the airport with a tour and catered food or at Hemingway’s with a Hazmat show and tell in the parking lot. Ryan will check on the availability.

Mike asked for other new business and with none brought forth.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jason. A vote was held and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1425 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Karen McKinnis  
LEPC Secretary