

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Acting Chairman Doug Hess brought the meeting to order at noon. Also attending were: Jim Reynolds, John Chalfant, Larry Edwards, Blaine Auville, Jim Maple, Gene Burns, Danny Goodwin, Larry Stephens, Iris McCrady, Arnie Green and Terry Brown.

Minutes:

There were no changes to the minutes and they were approved on a motion from Danny seconded by Larry and passed unanimously.

Personnel:

Roger Evans has transferred to Morgantown. According to the by-laws, Doug will act as chairman until the nominating committee reports at the next meeting.

Grant Committee: Arnie reported that the Grant Committee met May 13. After reviewing the uses of previous grants, he explained that the committee arrived at the idea of a WEB page for the SERC Grant. It would be an excellent way to provide information to the public as well as agencies. Salter & Associates, Citynet and Network Associates will submit their ideas for a WEB page at the next meeting. Arnie made a motion that the membership grant the committee the authority to accept a proposal from the company chosen and award a contract. Danny seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There will be a short work session immediately following this meeting.

Old Business:

Following Gene's comment on the lack of a Parkersburg Police Department on the committee, Doug said he will contact Chief Newell. Terry discussed the procedures for road shut downs and diversions. Following a discussion regarding the type of membership needed on the committee it was decided that Terry should contact the Department of Highways and invite them to serve. Terry reported on the DEP critique of the Liberty Truck Stop hazardous materials incident. He has been provided with a list of recognized clean up contractors. He mentioned that the Dupont Haz Mat Team was big help during that incident. Arnie mentioned that there is a difference between a hazardous materials emergency and hazardous waste clean up. The incident does count as a drill and has been filed with the state office. Terry mentioned that he felt that the LEPC should serve as monitors for the hospital drills.

New Business:

Doug introduced John Chalfant of Clear Channel Radio. He discussed the various stations in the Clear Channel group and their willingness to become involved in dispersing information in emergency situations. Doug explained that the station has a generator. Although the station is not staffed 24 hours there are ways to access personnel in the event of an emergency.

Good of the Order:

Iris said that the Mid Ohio Valley Rural Health Alliance has applied for a grant relating to hazardous materials and terrorism. There is language in the grant relating to LEPCs and 9-1-1 centers. Mary Beth will write a letter to the Emergency Services Board thanking them for providing lunch for our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

The next meeting of the Wood County LEPC will be at 11:30 AM, Wednesday, June 19 at 911 Core Road.