

**ALLEN COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(LEPC)**

**Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2022**

**Members present:** Tom Berger, Ted Brookman, Rick Skilliter, Craig Hohenbrink, Trevor Violet, Michael Hensley, Jeff Gunter, RJ Maier, Shelly Gearing, Gene Smith, Scott Floyd, Neil Goodwin, Clint Roland, Steve Harvey, Joseph Hutton, Haley Belisle Beth Fenton,

**Members absent:** Steve Carr, Tim Haniford, Paul Way, Kevin Bruin, , Todd Truesdale, Shane Coleman, Brian Rader, Kevin Cox, Todd Mohler, Jed Metzger, Andy Hefner, Rick Sanchez, and Paul Swartz,

**Guests Attending:** Travis Fillhart Allen EMA, Russ Decker SERC, Anita Stechschulte OEMA, Jack McDermitt Lima FD

Craig Hohenbrink called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Rick Skilliter moved and Steve Harvey seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting with no changes. Motion Passed

Tom Berger reviewed the financial report. Ted Brookman moved and Michael Hensley seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Passed.

**SERC Report**

Anita Stechschulte updated the group on the Fall Conference planning efforts. A hybrid model at the ODOT auditorium or Fire Academy. Regional Staff presented first draft of new Exercise and Planning Guidebook to committee. SERC added 2 new members ODOT and private industry. Russ Decker is the private industry representative.

**Information/Emergency Coordinator's Report-**

Director Berger recapped call numbers and informed the group on the number of abandoned wells in Allen County. Berger recapped a call for service involving an abandoned well in American Township.

Director Berger also informed the group of his desire to start site visits to filer facilities this summer. The group agreed. Ted Brookman drew 12 names from an envelope. Letters will be sent to the facilities to schedule site visits.

Tom informed the group that May 11<sup>th</sup> would be the LEPC exercise. American Township FD, Lima Memorial Hospital and American Red Cross would be participating.

**Committee Reports:**

- Public Health – Shelly Gearing informed the group that the COVID-19 cases have appeared to peak. Allen County is considered a low risk County. Test kits are available through the Health Department. Shelly asked for continued support of the ReadyAllenCounty functional needs registry platform. \$2575. Gene Smith made a motion to continue support, seconded by Rick Skilliter. Motion passed.

**For the good of the order:**

- Haley Belisle informed the group that the Ottawa River Coalition Cleanup day is April 23<sup>rd</sup>, volunteers can report to the Red Cross building on Collet to assist.
- Tom Berger reviewed F-500 foam at the request of Chief Truesdale. We will discuss again at our next meeting.

Rick Skilliter moved Joseph Hutton seconded a motion to adjourn.

Minutes by: Tom Berger