

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

**Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2023**

**Members present:** Tom Berger, Ted Brookman, Michael Hensley, RJ Maier, Rick Skilliter, Craig Hohenbrink, Joseph Hutton, Travis Fillhart, Jeff Gunter, Catherine Reed, Gene Smith, Rick Sanchez, Shelly Gearing Scott Floyd, Steve Harvey, Brian Rader, Kevin Bruin, Jed Metzger,

**Members absent:** Steve Carr, Tim Haniford, Paul Swartz, , Clint Roland, Todd Mohler, , Haley Belisle, Todd Truesdale, Paul Way, Andy Hefner, Neil Goodwin, Kevin Cox

**Guests Attending:** Jared Gesler Allen EMA,

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

Rick Skilliter motioned and Steve Harvey seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting with no changes. Motion Passed

Tom Berger reviewed the financial report. Ted Brookman moved Scott Floyd seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Passed.

1. **SERC Report** – Emailed read by Chairmen Hohenbrink
  - a. Coffee Talk presentation June 21 at 10 am via Zoom. Dawn Trovato, Ohio EPA speaking on how to use the Tier2 Submit program for electronic filing of Tier 2 forms and how counties can work within the system. When the invite comes out please share with industry partners. It will be posted on the SERC website post-delivery.
  - b. LEPC Conference, via Teams, October 26, 8:30-12:30. Tentative agenda includes presentations on:
    - c. Conducting your own Commodity Flow Study (county LEPC panel)
    - d. Real-World Response (Ohio EPA)
    - e. SERTC presentation
    - f. Grants update to include a county perspective on using the PUCO Grant
    - g. Oil and Gas Well web program update and how-to (ODNR)

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

Tom updated the group on the membership for the next two-year cycle. Several members have declined to accept another two-year appointment. Looking for nominations.

Tom updated the group on the F-500 foam purchase.

- Tom asked Deputy EMA Director Gesler to update on the May 10<sup>th</sup> full scale exercise.
- Deputy Director Fillhart updated on facility inspections

- Deputy Director Fillhart updated on Hazmat Officer/Safety Officer training.

**Committee Reports:**

- Public Health – Shelly updated the Committee that COVID emergency would cease on May 11<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. Updated the group on RAD exercise in the Fall. Shelly updated on the availability of COVID-19 vaccines.
  - Shelly also informed the group that the ReadyAllenCounty functional needs website is no longer a viable tool. They will not be renewing. They will be working with Community Partners to connect with this population.
- Community Resources – Jed Metzger update on the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse preparations and how the Chamber is reaching out to the Community

**For the good of the order:**

- Tom Berger update the group on the Allen County 211 operations.

Ted Brookman moved Kevin Bruin seconded a motion to adjourn.

Minutes by: Tom Berger