

ALLEN COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(LEPC)

**Meeting Minutes: June 20 2024**

**Members present:** Cody Doyle, Michael Hensley, Eric Phillips, Shelly Gearing, RJ Maier, Rick Sanchez, Neil Goodwin, Dave Woodward, Rick Skilliter, Travis Fillhart, Tina Hentrich, Craig Hohenbrink

**Members absent:**, Scott Floyd, , Jeff Goop, Paul Swartz, Clint Rolland, Steve Harvey, Bernie Nanna, , Kevin Cox, Paul Way, Jed Metzger, Todd Mohler, Brian Radar, Todd Truesdale, Catherine Reed, Gene Smith, Jon Walters, Andy Heffner, Kevin Bruin,

**Guests Attending:** Jared Gesler, EMA, Drew Munshower EMA,

Chairman Hohenbrink called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

RJ Maier motioned and Eric Phillips seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting with no changes. Motion Passed

Jared Gesler reviewed the financial report. Travis Fillhart moved, Rick Skilliter seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Passed.

1. **SERC Report** – Anita Stechschulte was unable to attend the meeting, Jared Gesler reported the SERC approved the 2024 LEPC exercise with full credit for all objectives that were evaluated.

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

Jared Gesler to update on Tier II reports. All reporters that were filed year last did so again with a total of 109 filers. Names were drawn for the 2024 LEPC facility Visits. Locations drawn were: BRP manufacturing, Waste Management Transfer station, Ernst Concrete Bluffton Plant, Valtir LLC, Agra Crop Solutions, AEP Lima Transmission Service Center, Speedway station 5236, Dana Driveshaft Manufacturing, Amerigas Propane, Brightspeed Central Office.

Deputy EMA Director Munshower provided update on the LEPC exercise. Cenovus will hosted, players included Shawnee FD, Allen County Hazmat, and Cenovus. All objectives passed evaluation with notable takeaways on exercising communications further and updating Hazmat plan for responder operations.

**Committee Reports:**

- Shelly Gearing provided a public health update. With the excessive heat there have been many Ozone Action days, Shelly proposed sharing these notices with the LEPC. H5N1 bird flu is spreading in local populations of cattle with cases in Wood County Ohio. Three people have been found to be infected with H5N1 but none are in Ohio.

**For the good of the order:**

- Shelly Gearing shared a drone threat training course being sponsored by Ohio EMA, July 17<sup>th</sup> this training will be located at Bowling Green State University.

Minutes by: Jared Gesler