

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 10, 2010 1:00 P.M.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Mike Garvey, designee chairman of the IERC, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Offered a moment of silence for William Reed, IERC Commission member who passed away March of 2010 then asked for roll call.

**ROLL CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Garvey – IDHS Chair  
Bruce Palin – IDEM  
Dean Larson – Public Representative  
Shawn French – Industry Representative  
Sherman Greer – Local Government

Mike Bigler – State Representative  
Brian Lott – Local Government  
Jim Pridgen – Industry Representative  
Roger Powers – Local Government

**The following Commission members were absent:**

Carol Shelby – Public Representative

Thomas Melville- State Representative

**The following staff members were present:**

John Steel – IDHS  
Laura Steadham – IDEM

Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM  
Mara Snyder - IDHS

**The following members of the audience were present:**

Jeff Larmore – Marion County LEPC  
Gary McDaniel- Kosciusko County LEPC  
Tom Hogle – Knox County LEPC  
Cindy Battiato - IDHS

Pam Thevenow – Marion County LEPC  
Ed Yochum – Knox County LEPC  
Becky Waymire – Morgan County LEPC

**QUORUM**

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the March 8, 2010, meeting was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Greer. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chairman Garvey encouraged all commission members to stay in contact with the IERC/LEPC Coordinator on their attendance to Commission meetings. This will insure if a quorum would be attained for a meeting or if required a meeting could be rescheduled to a later date.

Chairman Garvey also presented a copy of the new Statewide Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment for the Commission to review. This assessment indicates that hazardous materials accidents at a high risk to the state.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair**

Mr. Greer reported on the September 16/17, 2010 IERC/LEPC Conference. September 16, would be a CAMEO Training session from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Session on the 17<sup>th</sup> would be a full day conference. The conference would be located at the Indiana Government Center South and there would be no registration fees. The only costs would be for any travel related expenses incurred by the LEPCs. Mr. Greer requested \$5,000 be allocated to cover any costs related to the conference. Motion was made by Mr. Larson, second by Mr. Lott. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs**

Mr. Larson reported that the Policy and Technical Committee met this morning to continue discussion on how to improve interaction between LEPCs and District Planning Councils (DPC). Additional options were considered and will meet again at a future IERC meeting. In regards to these discussions, Ms. Snyder highlighted on proposed changes to legislation as follows;

- 1) Amend Title 6, to allow the IERC to reallocate funds to LEPCs that are compliant.
- 2) Funding to pay employees or contractors to work with LEPCs to meet requirements.

Also, the Policy and Technical Committee will be meeting immediately following the conclusion of the IERC meeting to discuss ways to encourage inactive become LEPCs compliant.

### **Training Committee—Carol Shelby, Chair**

Chief Lott submitted a request from an individual requesting to be added as an instructor to the training resource list. Chief Lott recommended that Christopher Sea from Switzerland County LEPC to be added to the list. Chief Lott confirmed that Mr. Sea has met all the requirements to be added to the list and that Ms. Snyder would follow up with correspondence on how to avoid any potential conflict of interest when instructing for his LEPC.

Motion made by Mr. Pridgen to accept Mr. Sea as an instructor, second by Chief Lott. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair**

Mr. Palin reported on the status of the current spending plan. Approximately 38% has been spent for this year. Barring any large expenditures the IERC should have sufficient funds for remainder of this year.

Motion was made by Chief Lott to accept the committee reports, second by Mr. French. **MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

➤ **Statewide Hazardous Chemical Commodity Flow Study**

Chairman Garvey briefly discussed a Statewide Hazardous Chemical Commodity Flow Study that IDHS has recommended to the IERC to consider as a future project. This will be brought back up at a future commission meeting for further discussion.

➤ **St. Joseph County LPEC Training Reimbursement Request**

Chief Lott reported that he was recently approached by a representative of the St. Joseph County LEPC. This is in regards to a matter of denied reimbursement for previous dispatch training in Florida. This member explained to him that the LEPC in previous years covered the costs so dispatchers could attend this conference, and recently the cost of the conference was denied by their LEPC.

This representative requested the IERC to review this and provide an opinion. Upon reviewing the current conference documents that there was no training identified for hazardous materials incidents and this would not be an allowable expense for LEPC funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson to deny this request, second my Mr. French. **MOTION CARRIED TO DENY THIS REQUEST**

➤ **HMEP Update**

Cindy Battiato with the IDHS Grants section provided an update on the HMEP process that included;

- **iGMS upgrade**
  - Persons are only able to view and add/change info on their own budgets. EMA directors will not be able to see HMEP budgets if they are not designated to see this activity.
- **iGMS upgrade – HMEP proposal**
  - This would be an 80%-20% match for panning and training.
- **Spending Plan**
  - 100% acknowledgement from 2009 FY 2010 recipients
- **FY 2010 budget**

- FY2010 budget is 100% expended, 4 LEPCs on waiting list. Due to slow deobligation of unused funds, the LEPCs on the waiting list will be unable to use the funds. \$112,000 then had to be returned to U.S. D.O.T.  
Now is the time to obligate funds, and identify funds that can be deobligated, so the funding can be sent to LEPCs on the waiting list.
- **FY 2011 application deadline of June 1, 2010**

**REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

No Report

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS**

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 16 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Brown	Floyd	Fulton	Gibson
Howard	Huntington	Lawrence	Monroe
Noble	Parke	Pike	Randolph
Spencer	Switzerland	White	Whitley

Chief Lott made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEPC COMMENTS**

No report

**EPA COMMENTS**

No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief Lott discussed a review that there will be review of the 44 statewide Haz-Mat teams to determine their mission response capabilities.

**NEXT MEETING**

July 12, 2010, 1:00 P.M.  
Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room A

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

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Joseph E. Wainscott, Jr., Chair