

MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE •

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: *Mayo Clinic – Eau Claire Campus, 1221 Whipple St., North-LL Courtyard Conference Room 2 B1104
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703*

Members Present: Pat Lavelle (Chair), Ray Henning, Darrell Christy, Jason Knecht, Jack Running, Don Henning, Jamie Burkhardt, Marisa Stanley, Dave Salter, Frank Neibauer, Thomas Lochner, James Hager, Elizabeth Dohms

Members Absent: Derek Thomas, Steve Vargo, Diane Hunter, Tim Boehnan

Staff Present: Tyler Esh, Sam Simmons

1. Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chairman LaVelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and confirmed the public meeting notice.

2. Public Comment **(15 minute maximum)**

None.

3. Review – Approval of the August 15, 2019 Minutes / Discussion – Action

The committee reviewed the minutes. **ACTION:** Darrell Christy moved to approve the August 15, 2019 Minutes; Frank Neibauer made a second and noted to change CO² to CO. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Review/Approval of Off-Site Response Plan / Discussion – Action

a. First Supply

The Committee reviewed the First Supply plan. Tyler Esh explained that this is a new plan due to the addition of a forklift. **ACTION:** Ray Henning moved to approve the plan; Don Henning made a second. The plan was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Agency Updates / Discussion

Sam Simmons, Program Assistant for Eau Claire County Emergency Management, informed the committee that he has been on-call for the last three weeks and that there were no major incidents. He briefly described his experience at the WEMA conference. No other major updates.

Dave Salter, Safety Coordinator for Mayo Clinic, will be retiring in the next few weeks.

No other agency updates.

6. Local Hazardous Materials Spill Response Team Report / Discussion

Eau Claire Fire Department noted two gas leak incidents in the last month. The first incident was on August 30, when a gas line was struck during the State Street construction project. Eau Claire Fire was on scene before Xcel could arrive. This incident was the first time a Rave alert was requested by Eau Claire Fire due to over 100 homes needing an evacuation notice. They complimented the effectiveness of the Rave system and said it worked great with no major issues. The alert was used to spread an evacuation order message for residents within two blocks of the leak. Sam Simmons of Eau Claire County sent out the alert to evacuate and an alert giving residents the all clear. The all clear was given once Xcel Energy arrived on scene and shut off the gas.

The second gas leak incident occurred in the area of Farwell and Gilbert streets. 30 homes had to be evacuated due to the leak. Rave was not used in this incident.

No other reports.

7. Mayo Clinic Flood/Evacuation Exercises / Discussion

Dave Salter, Safety Coordinator for Mayo Clinic, gave a presentation on a recent tabletop exercise with Eau Claire Fire, the State of Wisconsin, and Excel Energy on impacts to the Mayo Clinic Luther Campus if the dam by Lake Wissota were to fail. The presentation included flood maps and how much response time agencies in Eau Claire County and the hospital would have. There was discussion on how different agencies would respond.

8. Proposed Business items for Next Meeting / Discussion

The next meeting will be on December 19, 2019. Tyler Esh mentioned that there should be a few off-site plans to approve at that time.

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairman LaVelle adjourned the meeting at 4:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Samuel Simmons
Clerk, Local Emergency Planning Committee