

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 18, 2020**

Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink called the LEPC meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level Conference Room of the Mason County. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Orville Theaker, Ray Hasil, Karen Ripke, Shannon Stickney, Joe Stickney, Steve Hull, James Myjak, Jesse Bruce, Mary Samuels, Kathy Winczewski, Fabian Knizacky, Jerry Funk, Jim Herrema, Derrek Wilson, Steve Ruba.

Motion by K. Ripke and seconded by J. Funk to approve the agenda for the February 18, 2020 meeting and the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**Notifications/Correspondence Received:** No correspondence or notifications were reviewed.

**HMEP Grant Updates:** FY2020 grant application has been submitted with 13 sites and 1 new site. The Support Grant portion may go up to \$1,500.00 from \$1,000.00 due to an increase in Federal funding.

**Hazard Mitigation Updates:** Liz gave an update and Region 14 (West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) has submitted Notice of Intent for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to update the plans for three counties (Mason, Oceana, and Lake).

**CodeRED Update:** The number of enrollments has continued increasing. Oceana County has left the partnership of a joint CodeRED system. Three townships in Oceana County will still be included in the Mason County CodeRed system for warnings related to the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant. These townships are located on the south County line of Mason County.

**Statewide Exercise Participation is April 15, 2020:** Mason County will be a support county during the statewide exercise. We will utilize WebEOC and implement the County Emergency Action Guidelines while the EOC is activated.

**Upcoming Events & Dates:** L. Reimink updated the committee on upcoming training opportunities and emergency management related classes statewide.

ICS-400 February 21-23: Ludington

ICS-400 March 26-27: Little River Casino

EMHSD Upcoming Trainings List

May 12 PIO class in Kalamazoo

**Pere Marquette River Safety Planning:** L. Reimink is working with the US Forest Service and DNR to enhance emergency planning on the Pere Marquette River. The intent is to develop a GIS layer to identify key landmarks to narrow in on the caller's location and determine the quickest access point for emergency officials. A community open house is being planned for this spring.

**Agency Updates/ Roundtable:**

Sheriff's Office has a lot of new deputies.

AFFEW 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day

City of Ludington has put in a new seawall to address the high-water issues near the Loomis Street Boat Launch.

Road Commission has a lot of high-water issues to deal with and very busy with summer road work planning.

USCG anticipates staffing the Ludington Station around Memorial Day.

City of Ludington DPW streets are still closed due to high water.

Health Department is dealing with a lot of flu.

**Any Other Business:** No other business was reported

**Adjournment:** 4:44 pm

Next Meeting May 19, 2020