

# Madison County Montana LEPC

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Minutes May 21, 2020

EOP Review: Annex F Donation Management

Changes that were made are highlighted and included in September 17, 2020 LEPC Agenda for approval

Call to order: 6:03pm

Introductions: list of attendees

## Present

Scott McClintic  
Robert Wallingford  
Joseph Brummell

## Dial/Login

Pete Armstrong HRVFD  
Don Copple DNRC  
Jim King US Forest Service; Madison District, FMO  
Lynda Holt Dispatch/911  
Melissa Brummell Public Health  
Dale Olson US Forest Service; Madison District Ranger  
Tommy Luksha GIS/Ruby Valley SAR  
Van Puckett Sanitation  
Dustin Tetrault Big Sky FD  
Ezra Ginsberg Ruby Valley Hospital / Ambulance Service

Approve minutes from March 19, 2020: Motion made Lynda Holt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Armstrong, all in favor, none opposed, no discussion, motion to approve minutes passed.

## **1. Committee Reports:**

DES (Joseph Brummell): Defer update till COVID-19 update.

Communications (Lynda Holt): There is a new trainee set to go live in June/July. There is also an application out for another dispatcher that will make a full crew. Calls are starting to gear up a bit.

Public Health (Melissa Brummell): We recently hired Tracey Christensen a 10 hr per week public health, as well as Walker VanWagoner who is still working at Ruby Valley Medical Center in the ER. He works 30 hrs per week with public health. We are making plans for when a vaccine is ready on how we will distribute and administer. We are still managing our normal workload on top of the current pandemic. The majority of the calls recently in the office have to do with questions concerning Gov Bullocks orders. The upcoming board of health meeting will concentrate on upcoming parades and large social gatherings.

Question (Dale Olson): "Is there a potential for testing crews once they return from a deployment?"

Answer (Melissa Brummell): "Upcoming that should be more logistically possible. Right now, the main focus is on high risk surveillance testing. But the plan is to increase the number of tests available. Hopefully that would be available by fire season."

Question (Dale Olson): "The direction we are getting internally within our agency is should we have a positive test do we reach out to the local county? Is this the correct route to go?"

Answer (Melissa Brummell): "That is correct contact us and we will assist in anyway we can."

Question (Dale Olson): "I am not sure if this is for you or the Board of Health, we are working on opening camp grounds, I am interested on your thoughts of people being close together."

Answer (Melissa Brummell): "I will check and see if our Sanitation has any answers, this is more of a board of health/sanitarian but I will let you know."

Answer (Van Puckett): "For phase 2 goes with the guidance for licensed establishments. Distancing will still be in place."

Sheriff (Lynda Holt): There are 2 new deputies, Josh Falkos and Austin Marsh. They are both post certified and getting ready to start patrolling.

HRVFD (Pete Armstrong): We are in the process of looking at our fleet of engines and other equipment. We are going to make an effort to sell or give away some of the excess. It should be advertised in the paper during the first and second week of June.

Forest Service (Dale Olson, Jim King): Jim King: Our district fire crews are nearing the end of their second week of work from home quarantine. They will be physically at the district office starting Monday morning. Our Rec/Range folks start on Monday as well. As much as can be we are ready for fire season. I am scheduled for an upcoming Type 3 IC assignment in AZ. Upon my return conversations have been taken place will be myself staying at home to self-quarantine and monitor symptoms.

Dale Olson: Once assignments come up with crews, we have a process to look at those to ensure it is the right thing to do and keep people as safe as possible.

DNRC (Don Copple): Most of our seasonal staff is at work now, we have a dispatcher and one more firefighter finishing up their quarantine. 6 type 6 engines with seasonal running them with Jay and myself. We will offer up any help where and when we can but will follow the same procedures as the forest service with COVID.

GIS (Tommy Luksha): We have been focusing on NG911 and data cleaning.

MVRFD (Scott McClintic): Our first training meeting was conducted this month practicing social distancing. Our new P18 2000 gal 6 X is now in service. The annual pancake breakfast during the 4<sup>th</sup> is canceled. We are also working on our current ISO rating.

## **2. Old Business:**

- Mass Casualty Trailer / Bus; Mass Casualty Incident Command System: On going work. Get with us to schedule your districts once we settle things down with COVID-19.
- NorthWestern – Public Service Commission Lineman Memo: More linemen have been hired. This has helped response times greatly.
- 2020 Emergency Response Guidebook due this Spring. Distribution is on hold until further notice.
- COVID-19 Update: see enclosed power point presentation
- Propane Tank Debris: still looking in for guidance and suggestions.

## **3. New Business:**

- 2020 Wildland Fire Season Brief: see enclosed power point presentation

## **4. Training/Meetings:**

- Madison Valley Rural Volunteer Fire Training:  
Next LEPC meeting November 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm  
Next Fire Chief:  
Next South Western Montana Fire Chiefs Council?  
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