MINUTES
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Location: Gilchrist County
Emergency Operations Center, Bell, FL

February 15, 2018
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Shayne Morgan, Chair
Tim Westberry
Scott Garner
James Campbell
Kevin Carr
Chris Bonds
Bruce Jordan
Keith Knelle
Paul Kremer
Chris Gilbert
David Peaton, Vice Chair
Ralph Smith
Ed Ward
Alan Whigham

MEMBERS ABSENT
Frank Armijo
Tim Alexander
Cassidy Carlile
Sandi Courson
Dave Dickerson
Matt Dotty
Michael Fowler
Robert Garbett
Scott Holowasko
Henry Land
Marc Land
John MacDonald
David McIntire
Daniel Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT
Tim Smoak
Kimberly Thomas

GUESTS PRESENT
Gracie Kennedy
Silver B. “Chip” Ware
Gina Lambert
Paul Lanius
Chris R. Williams
Luke Waldron

STAFF PRESENT
Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

I. CHAIR’S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shayne Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ralph Smith welcomed everyone to the Gilchrist County Emergency Operations Center and gave safety information regarding the facility. Chair Morgan reported on the most recent State Emergency Response Commission meetings and the Hazardous Materials Symposium.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Scott Garner and seconded by Bruce Jordan to adopt the meeting minutes as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PRESENTATION: SABAL TRAIL TRANSMISSION NATURAL GAS PIPELINE, PAUL LANIUS, AREA SUPERVISOR

Mr. Lanius gave an overview of the recently completed Sabal Trail Transmission Gas Pipeline. He reviewed the route and the pipeline configurations. He reported that there is no odorant in the pipeline in our region and that is added south of here in Dunnellon. He discussed safety in the community.
IV. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

Deliverables Contained in Local Emergency Planning Committee support contract were reviewed by Dwayne Mundy. He reported that the scope of work has been expanded and additional funding has been provided to accomplish these tasks. The group reviewed the ten items in the scope of work. A shelter in place workshop was discussed for April 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council office.

County reports on Hazardous Materials incidents and activities in each county was presented and opportunity was afforded to discuss any Hazardous Materials incidents or related activities. Columbia County reported that a month ago on a rainy day a semi-tractor trailer was involved with a crash and dumped its saddle tank of diesel in a ditch. Levy County reported that its Hazardous Analysis visits have been completed and they are waiting on state review and they are also putting plots of plumes in Everbridge to make the information more accessible to responders.

Gainesville reports that they are maintaining training according to the State Emergency Response Commission guidelines and are conducting a series of annual drills with the SiVance Chemical Company. Dixie County requested an operations and eight-hour awareness class for a fire one class that they are conducting. Gilchrist County and Lake City reported no reportable incidents. Bradford County reported that Brian Johns had retired and Emergency Management has been assigned to the Sheriff’s Office and that they are looking at strengthening county-wide fire support in the County. Madison County reported a natural gas pipeline leak on a two-inch line and that the County has a new Fire Coordinator.

It was noted that the packet included reports on hazardous materials incidents reported for Florida to the State Watch office. Dwayne Mundy reported that he had been contacted by a Hazardous Waste Transfer Storage and Disposal Facility and conducted a site visit to enhance coordination with the Local Emergency Planning Committee. He stated that the Local Emergency Planning Committee coordination model is that the local fire department, Gainesville Fire Rescue, is a primary responder for hazardous materials incidents on the University of Florida.

Mr. Mundy reported that this request was prompted by the operator of the site renewing their hazardous waste storage permit and that the most significant change would involve the incident command structure for an incident involving hazardous waste to be the same as with the University’s emergency response plan and not something separate.

The status of the Florida Pipeline Emergency Responder Initiative was discussed and that the kickoff meeting is being scheduled for April 11, 2018 in St. Augustine, a suggestion was made to look at the St. Johns County Emergency Operation Center has a facility large enough to hold the meeting. It was reported that roughly one-half of the 10,000 Tier Two forms facilities in Florida have already submitted their Tier Two reports in E-Plan. This year, the reports are due on March 1st and include additional hazards category fields that encompass the new Global Harmonization Standards.
V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

Action: It was moved by David McIntire and seconded by Chris Gilbert to declare February 25th thru March 3rd, 2018 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in the north central Florida region. The motion passed unanimously.

The membership of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was reviewed and although all categories remained filled at this time law enforcement and news media representatives could be added to the Committee. It was decided that the Local Emergency Planning Committee needed a brochure that it could give to potential members that might interest them in participating in the local Emergency Planning Committee. This is the year for biennial appointments to the Committee with elections being held after the July 2018 State Emergency Response Commission meeting.

VI. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

Chair Morgan reported on the Hazardous Materials Symposium which was held in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee staff and Chairs meetings in Daytona Beach in January 2018. It was reported that there was a good diversity of classes and overall a high quality of instructors.

The status of the first responders training programs was discussed. The handouts included a summary for the previously completed fiscal year as well as classes scheduled for the current fiscal year. Highlights for the current year include sending 14 individuals to the Hazardous Materials Symposium and scheduling two of the 160-hour hybrid technician classes.

It was noted that the North Central Florida Regional Hazmat Team is meeting today to discuss purchasing four gas detectors as well as the implementation of other activities on its Technical Assistance Grant. The Draft After Action Report for the recently completed Sabal Trail Tabletop Exercise entitled, “What would Dan do?” is available for review. It was announced that a class for medical response to chemical exposures was scheduled and was added to the State database.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting was scheduled for the conference center at Nutrien (formerly known as PCS Phosphate) on May 24, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Chair

Date

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