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Minutes of the
South Dakota Emergency Response Commission Meeting
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DENR, Matthew Training Center
Pierre

Rapid City/Pennington County Emergency Management
Rapid City

June 29, 2020
10:00 a.m. Central Time

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Merriman called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Vice Chairman Merriman announced that the meeting was streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Merriman, Becky Pitz, Patrick Snyder, Tina Titze, Aaron Leesch, Dustin Willett, and Kim McIntosh.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Canham, Mike Carter and Jason Humphrey.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jaelyn McGuire, Baylee Hoff, Trish Kindt, Kelsey Newling, Brenda Binegar and Lynda Fratzke, DENR; Fran Santagata, John Bern and Jon Groen, Homeland Security.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2020 MEETING: Motion by Willett, seconded by Snyder, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2020, State Emergency Response Commission meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS: Motion by Snyder to nominate Dustin Willett as chairman, seconded by Titze. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried with Pitz, Snyder, Titze, Leesch, McIntosh, and Merriman voting aye. Willett abstained.

Motion by Willett to nominate Paul Merriman as vice chairman, seconded by Titze. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL UPDATES: Fran Santagata provided updates on the CFATS Program and other activities of Homeland Security.

WESTERN STATES SERC: Dustin Willett gave an overview of the Western States Conference held in Denver in January. Trish Kindt discussed foam containing PFAS. DENR will collect and properly dispose of it. Paul Merriman said information has been sent to all fire chiefs.

Willett also mentioned the EPA has a TERA system. One of the new guidelines for R & P facilities is to have a tri-annual exercise with local fire department first responders teams.

The SERC requested that staff provide an update on R & P facilities training at the next meeting.

TRI REPORT SUBMITTALS: Kelsey Newling gave an update on the TRI reports.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) ROSTER

REVIEW/APPOINTMENTS: Kelsey Newling reported that this year rosters were received from 54 LEPCs.

Sully County was unable to submit its roster by the April 2020 SERC meeting. Ms. Newling noted that the roster has been received, and she requested that it be approved.

Motion by Snyder, seconded by Pitz, to approve the Sully County LEPC roster. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL HAZ MAT TEAM UPDATE: Jon Groen gave an update stating that training had been slowed due to COVID-19. The HazMat Training Trailer is fully operational and currently in Sioux Falls. Task Force members will be in the Black Hills during the Rally to assist local agencies.

HMEP GRANTS, TRAINING AND PLANNING REPORT: Tina Titze, Office of Emergency Management, stated that she did not receive the report, but will email it to everyone after the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: Aaron Leesch, new SERC member, briefed the commission about his background.

The next SERC meeting is tentatively set for September 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Spearfish during the Emergency Management Conference. It was discussed to possibly do it over DDN or teleconference.

ADJOURN: Motion by Snyder, seconded by Leesch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Date

Witness

Date