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Minutes of the  
South Dakota Emergency Response Commission Meeting  
Conducted via the Digital Dakota Network

DENR, Matthew Training Center  
Pierre

Rapid City/Pennington County Emergency Management  
Rapid City

December 21, 2021  
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: Dave Ackerman, Jason Humphrey, Becky Pitz, Kim McIntosh, Tina Titze, Paul Merriman, Sean Kruger, Andrew Canham, and Jesseca Mundahl.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Dustin Willett

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelsey Newling, Lynda Fratzke, Trish Kindt, DANR; Fran Santagata, Homeland Security; Bre Bockstahler, EPA; Rhett Howard, OEM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 14, 2021 MEETING: Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Humphrey, to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021, State Emergency Response Commission meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL UPDATES: Bre Bockstahler stated they plan on having their Western Regions webinars on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

There are a couple of safety advisories. One through EPA Enforcement for proper storage of hazardous chemicals and chemical warehouses and distribution facilities.

Kelsey Newling asked if they have had any more movement with the LEPC handbook. Bre advised that it is currently with the Office of Management and Budget. Waiting for headquarters in DC to approve the handbook.

Fran Santagata gave updates on voluntary program called Chemlock and a brand-new website that has a bunch of new resources. Onsite assessments will roll out in a couple months. The second voluntary program is called Operation Flashpoint. She gave an update on threat part and ransomware.

REGIONAL HAZ MAT TEAM UPDATE: Kelsey Newling gave the report provided to her from Jon Groen.

- Rapid City Fire Department just received a new Rigaku Raman Analyzer which is a hazmat air monitor and is holding training in January 2022.
- They also had a cameo class in Aberdeen.
- Hazmat trailer is in Sioux Falls

LEPC ROSTER REVIEW: Kelsey Newling stated she had sent the grants to board members last week and have \$60,474.90 available for those grants. We received 33 applications. She recommends that all counties be approved this year.

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Canham, to approve the LEPC Grant applications. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. Pitz abstained.

HMEP GRANTS, TRAINING AND PLANNING REPORT: Rhett Howard gave an update on the HMEP Grants.

SERC BYLAWS DISCUSSION: Kim McIntosh suggested a reduction to two or three meetings a year. Tina Titze and Jason Humphrey were in agreement.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE: Tina Titze stated several recommendations were submitted to FEMA. The recommendations were in Equity, Vision and Expedite Disaster Assistance categories.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kim McIntosh requested a list of acronyms and some facts for the SERC members.

The next SERC meeting is set for March 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time.

ADJOURN: Motion by Titze, seconded by Ackerman, to adjourn the meeting.

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Chairman

Date