

MINUTES BROOKINGS COUNTY LEPC  
May 20, 2021

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Bolzer at 12:00 p.m. on the ZOOM Platform in Brookings. Members present were **City of Brookings Fire Department** –Pete Bolzer, **3M** – Wes Otheim, **City of Brookings Public Works-D.J. Buthe**, **City of Brookings Street Department** – Jeremy Linstad, **Brookings Area Transit Authority** – Brenda Schweitzer, **Brookings County Commission** – Larry Jensen, **Brookings County Development Department** - Richard Haugen, **South Dakota Department of Health** – Karen Larsen, **Daktronics** – Albert Patin, **Valero** – Molly Knutson, and **Brookings County Emergency Management** – Robert Hill

**APPROVE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as distributed. MSC Haugen/Patin

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PAST MEETING.**

Minutes from the November February 18, 2021 meeting were approved as read. MSC Jensen/Schweitzer

**OLD BUSINESS**

None noted

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. COVID-19 Updates
  - a. **Bolzer:** 5 LEPC members are working in today's 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> PODS administering all three doses available to the public. The City is allowing meeting rooms to be fully occupied and if one is vaccinated a requirement for masking has been rescinded.
  - b. **Schweitzer:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires masks on all public transportation assets.
  - c. **Patin:** Daktronics is encouraging employees to get vaccinated. They are not tracking how many have received them.
  - d. **Knutson:** Valero's HR is tracking the numbers of employees that have been vaccinated so that mask rules can be adjusted if enough have received them. Brookings County Thanks Valero for donating hand sanitizer solution to the County during the pandemic.
  - e. **Larsen:** Reported that the DOH is doing normal activities and screening everything before they are seen. Staffing is a problem.
  - f. **Otheim:** Reported that 3M is following corporate rules on COVID-19. Chief Bolzer Thanked 3M for their people volunteering for the PODS and the equipment donations.

2. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Agriculture (DAG) has been joined together. The new organization is the Department of Agricultural and Natural Resources. (DANR). A new document reporting thresholds has been released. The threshold is 25 gallons for most liquids, Chlorine has a tighter requirement.

**Meeting Dates for Year:**

- a. August 19, 2021
- b. November 18, 2021
- c. February 17, 2022
- d. May 21, 2022
- e. August 18, 2022

**LEPC Member updates:**

**Valero:** In house training is ongoing. Confined space rescue was practiced. Plans are to possibly do a full-scale exercise later this year.

**Daktronics:** Business is picking up. Training new employees in safety measures.

**Brookings County Commission:** Jail is coming along, should be open this year.

**Brookings County Emergency Management:** LEPC exercise will be on June 8, 2021. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team is exercising at the Swiftel Center.

**City of Brookings Public Works Department:** D.J. Buthe introduced himself to the group. City PW is hiring a lot of new people to replace retiring employees. Also working on the budget.

**City of Brookings Street Department:** Jeremy Linstad moved to the Street Department from the Swiftel Center. Asphalt crews are out. Plan is to spread chlorine on gravel roads in the City limits later this year.

**City of Brookings Fire Department:** Awaiting decision of new hire. Grass fires are a possibility with the weather growing hotter.

**South Dakota Department of Health:** Covered in COVID-19 report.

**3M:** Gearing up for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter safety training. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter consisted of HAZWOPPER training.

**Brookings County Development Department:** Zoning Ordinance is being worked on.

**Brookings Health System:** Conducted a large active shooter drill at hospital. Several local groups were involved. HAZMAT Team training is planned for this year.

**Brookings Area Transit Authority (BATA):** Giving vaccination rides and gearing up for summer youth specials.

**South Dakota State University:** Parking lots are filling up with employees returning to work. Plexiglas is coming down. June 2021 Full Scale Exercise will include a problem in a dorm. COVID-19 testing is ongoing. It is a slow process.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2021 at the East Fire Station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. MSC Haugen/Trygstad.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Hill