MINUTES OF THE LAKE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE, September 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:06

Members in attendance:

Penelope Love, Nickolas Cash, Peggy Grant, Richard Taylor, Robert Walker, Paul Petrie, Bill Missal, Roze Ristovski, John Huppert, Dan Sullivan, Rachel Greenwood

Guests in attendance:

Ken Henline, Sue McCormack, Laverne Roberts, Vince Balbo, Amy Bluhm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes -

July and August's meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the July meeting minutes by Robert Walker; the motion was seconded by Bill Missal, with no discussion, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the August meeting minutes by Robert Walker; the motion was seconded by Bill Missal, with no discussion, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed

Treasurer's Report -

No expenditures were incurred, fund balance remains at \$70,231.65. Vince made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Bob, with no discussion, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Correspondence -

Pro Edge Corporation's Tier II report was received.

Plan Review

The 2024 hazardous materials Plan was distributed to the membership via email on September 1, 2023. Hard copies were distributed to those who had not reviewed the document before today's meeting. A motion was made by Robert Walker to accept the 2024 plan; the motion was seconded by Richard Taylor, with no discussion, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

<u>**HEPC**</u> – No training or Exercise planned for the remainder of 2023. There has been an uptick in COVID hospitalizations and they are now slightly above a year ago.

<u>HazMat</u> – incident in Dyer; a construction company was excavating and smelled petroleum products in the area. IDEM came out to investigate, there are three pipeline rights of way in the area. No leaks or

liquid were found. It was determined that a leak had occurred in the area in 1965. The pipeline 1965 leak in the area was supposedly cleaned up but residue was still there. The hazmat training trailer is ready to go. Level A suits are being tested this week and next week at several fire departments. Bill will continue to have meetings with IDEM regarding the BP release.

HEALTH –Flu shots are available at the vaccination site anytime the site is open. COVID vaccinations may be delayed.

<u>CORONER</u> – The office will be doing exercises in September. Three Full-time and one part-time employee will be attending classes this month. The office is under construction and will be completed in December. No numbers this month.

<u>ARC</u> – 21 disaster activations this month. Four single-family and one multi-family; 17 storm-related; seven recovery cases were completed. SF 1MF 17 storms trans other 7 recovery cases Please see additional documentation.

INDOT – Winter operations meeting will be on Friday, October 13. They have paired up with IDHS, the National Guard, and DNR, and will be discussing this year's capabilities.

Old Business – Funding for the hazmat equipment

LEPC workshop postponed

LEPC exercise October 24 tentative w Newtin County 6:30 - 8:30 next year- we can exopand the chemicals we can use can work with pipelines next year?

BP Carbon Capture program public meeting notifications

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Peggy Grant; the motion was seconded by Robert Walker, with no discussion, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 9:45

Kevin Nowaczyk, Chair

Paul Petrie, Secretary