

**LEPC**  
**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2006**

**REGULAR**  
**04:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Lake County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) was called to order by EMA Director, Don Thomson.

**Roll Call: (Silent)** Don Thomson, Mark Gregerson—Chester Schools, Linda Hilde, Lou Vogt, Jerry Johnson, Ron Jorgensen, Tim Walberg, Dr. Palleria—Super. Madison Central, Chuck Pulford, Kotton Koch—Madison Middle School, Sharon Knowlton—Madison High School, Karen Lembcke, Jim Billion & Deb Reinicke.

**Minutes/Corrections:**

Motion by Lou Vogt to approve the minutes. Second by Jim Billion. M/C All were ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Only expense is the website. Motion by Linda Hilde to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Ron Jorgensen. M/C All were ayes.

**Explanation of how regional concept will work:**

Minnehaha—Sioux Falls is host county. We are in region 8 which consists of Brookings, Lake, Moody, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner, Lincoln, Union & Clay counties. Regions are broke down. Time frame—letter dated Aug 22 explains. Minnehaha County—5 % of base amount based on population of the regions for dollars. Letters addressing wants—directives 7 break downs. Priority goals to shoot for—2 The intent of plan is to complete projects.

Critical infrastructure—schools are at the top of the list. Not all schools have security—where it needs to be place. Backup generators—looking at portable for shelters. New elementary—emergency generator already. Technology center—emergency, and a lot of private industry & private citizens.

Madison Central—2 way radios, keyless entries for the schools, phones in middle school—5 rooms have access besides the office. Camera's for the new school. Crisis management plan—2 way radio's—analogue over digital, 12-2 way radio's. Hospital—digital radio's—talk group. Each portable radio costs \$2400 with a life span of 10 years. Weather radio's to replace other weather radio's that would be compatible with the state system. Tower instantly overloaded—funding to increase power for tower.

Chester trying 4 radio's out. Madison's plan—Bud could reach on radio—only place was golf course. Chester needs lightening for the school parking lot. Need to complete projects that have been started. 3 of 8 counties—schools in that position. 2004--\$10,200, 2003—State required, 2005—Clean up projects but security. \$16,000 left from 2005 but it is committed. Consensus reached—Dr. Palleria asked. Tim Walberg, Don Thomson & Myron Nagel attended meeting in Sioux Falls.

Needs: Schools are the hot item, push back generators & pursue schools. All major power lines are underground—good for storms. Ramona schools—consensus—whatever school needs—infrastructure such as camera, fencing, & lighting. Communications very important. Needs to be linked with digital compatibility. Lake County analog—Minnehaha County just switched to digital.

Radio's and phones—frequency working with 450 mg. Crisis management plans—radio's. Need written plan.

Motorola radio's—try out—256 channels—preprogrammed into frequencies—would serve a local purpose—Kotton Koch--\$10,000 tower system, communications and phone system very important and needs to be checked into. State would like to turn each bldg. into an EOC (Emergency Operation Center). Phase type project. That's the way to go and will make it work.

Siren's are being pushed for early warning. Generator's are available—15 kilowatt. Buy radio's—then let school borrow them.

Motion by Linda Hilde to adjourn at the hour of 05:30 pm. Second by Ron Jorgensen. M/C All were ayes.

Respectfully written,

LEPC Secretary,  
Debra J. Reinicke