

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

May 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Eric Bradley, Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Robin Dunn, Linda Frederiksen, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Dave Kelly, Chance Kness, Jeff Koenig, Kevin Lange, Decker Ploehn, Jacob Pries, Orville Randolph, Troy Said, Jordan Schneider, Joe Sisler, Corri Spiegel, Amy Thoreson, Richard Vermeer, and Brian Wright, all via Zoom

Call to Order – Introductions

The meeting began by reviewing those on the call via virtual roll call.

Minutes of the April 30, 2021 Meeting

Orville Randolph motioned to approve the QCEPC April 30, 2021, meeting minutes; Don Hahn seconded the motion. All Ayes.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig gave an update on work being completed on the bridge. Provided the group of the upcoming traffic changes that will occur on both the Iowa and Illinois side. Advised that they would be blasting the old loops in Bettendorf with intermenant lane closures. On the Illinois side they are doing the last large deck pour and the last of the arches is going in. By the end of June or July the decking should be completed.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Jacob Pries, from Rock Island Arsenal, advised that there will a promotion and change of command held on June 10th.

Brian Wright, Muscatine County, spoke about Alert Iowa and State of Iowa PPE requests. Advised that the vaccine use has been slowing down.

Chance Kness, Clinton County, also spoke about Alert Iowa and starting to plan for RAGBRI, that will be staying in their county in late July.

Jim Hawkes, Scott County, discussed demobilizing the Vaccine Clinic at the old SEARS location. Advised that funding for homeless sheltering will be done at the end of June.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island County, sent some info prior to the meeting regarding funding assistance related to COVID-19.

David Donovan, Scott County, gave updates on projects going on within Scott County. Projects being worked on are the Genesis Well Project and Bi-State Regional Hazmat Plan. Will be purchasing a sign board to use and will be shared with other county agencies. Also purchasing an Unmanned Air Craft(Drone) for use within the county for emergencies.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

David Donovan advised that there was a meeting recently with the EPA involving both Iowa and Illinois. Discussed that they will be working on their plans as they are 3 years old. Will continue to work with CAER on this subject.

Communication Center Updates

David Donovan, SECC, advised that slowly opening the center up for in-person meetings. Gave updates on the radio project and hiring of employees.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Amy Thoreson, Scott County Health Department, advised that they are having biweekly meetings regarding vaccines.

Dave Kelly, Genesis, also stated they are having biweekly meetings regarding the medical tents for Bix.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

No Report.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Dr. Vermeer discussed that they are continuing to track Cardiac Arrests within the area. Notice of an increase in Opioid use.

Kevin Lange, Medic EMS, stated that agencies need to check expiration dates on their Narcan. Discussed at the recent EMS meeting the upcoming training for Bus crashes on July 17th.

Fire Service Reports

No Report.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

No Report.

Education Update

No Report.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

No Report.

Other Items of Interest

No meeting in July due to Bix and RAGBRI.

Next meeting Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.