MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2021

[VIRTUAL MEETING]

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING IS AVAILABLE VIA TEAMS

In the absence of Joe Marcotte, Jen Staton, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed:

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT - – [KC Williams, Treasurer – Yellowstone County DES Director]

Reported quarterly: March, June, September, and December.

	OPENING BALANCE	DEBITS	CREDITS	ENDING BALANCE	
	$26,698.00	$450.60	$2,500.00	$28,747.40	
	$2,500 received from Exxon and deposited on 1/22/2021				
COMMITTEE REPORTS					**ACTIONS**
EXERCISE DESIGN: CHARLIE HANSON					
Feb 23	Schedule a face-to-face meeting @ Metra Park pavilion. Only 2 people attended.				
	FEMA /JTE Cyber Security Training [4-hrs] was also cancelled, as we did not have enough people to participate fully.				
March 23	Rural Health Care Coalition. Charlie will be attending.				
	March Exercise Design Meeting is cancelled.				
GRANTS: DIANNE LEHM					
	SAFER Grants are due March 12th				
	Working on Fuels Reduction w/Yellowstone County.				
	SAFE COMM Grant. Funds available for inter ops communication. Funds can also be used for PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points), public safety, 911 Centers.				
	Grants Review Committee. Three State Homeland Security Grants were reviewed and ranked. 1. DES $69,000. Security camera system. 2. Billings Police Dept SWAT Team: $364,000 for an Armored Vehicle 3. Metra Park $129,000. Camera, PA system. These applications will now be reviewed at the State level and each applicant will be notified if they are successful.				
	The Building Infra Structure Grant request is still making its way through review at FEMA.				
	Watching the Legislature to see if there are any funding opportunities coming forth from this session.				
	As for any new grant announcements, Dianne reported that she is not aware of anything new. However, if anyone know of other grants please let Dianne know.				
CAER / CITIZENS CORP: PAM SANDERSON					
	The next meeting will be March 23 @ 1:30 p.m.				
	Planning to submit the video on 211 to this year's Virtual Billings Clinic Health & Safety Fair which begins June 1st.				

HMAG: SHAWN HINES		
	No report.	
CONFERENCE: JEN STATON		
	Still considering virtual format options, but with the ramp up of COVID related projects, planning has been on hold. If anyone would like to take on this project, contact Jen. Her email address is: Jennifer.sta@riverstonehealth.org	
CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS: DAN CARTER, CHAIR		
Email from Dan who was unable to attend the March 11 meeting.	The only thing to report is that we had a good PIOs meeting on Feb. 25. We discussed the need for continued PIO support among members. Next meeting for PIOs coming in May. Reminder for all on LEPC is that if **anyone has communication items that can easily go to businesses with a few thousand employees** – without having to go through the traditional media if desired – we can help. Just send those items to me and I can disseminate to the PIO network with a request to share with their employees. dan.l.carter@exxonmobil.com	
COMMUNICATIONS:		
	Derek Yeager has volunteered to Chair the Communications Sub-Committee. He stated that he is planning a face-to-face meeting of committee members shortly. If you are on the committee please email him at Derek..yeagerd@billingsmt.gov	
TRAINING: GREG NEILL		
	Training opportunities are being emailed out as they are received.	
	KC Williams stated that there are a number of training courses available online via FEMA's website.	
	Tony Bacino, Montana Rail Link reported that June 21-22 they will have a railcar, training prop travelling through the area and will be hosting railcar training for area first responders, hazmat techs, etc.	
PLANNING: KC WILLIAMS		
	KC reported that he would be asking for help with writing of the County's Distribution Plan. The plan is a required, LEPC supported document of how Yellowstone County facilitates a distribution of its resources in the first 72-96 hours of an emergency. He stated that there are 13 items that will be 'graded' on the plan. He hopes to begin work on it by April. Jen Staton stated that the existing Strategic National Stockpile plan could be a good starting point.	
	Metra Park's Emergency Operations Plan has been reviewed and in place just in time for summer and hopefully lifting of public gathering restrictions.	
	KC thanked everyone from Riverstone and especially Jen Staton for their tireless work on getting vaccines into the community. He reported that the rollout of vaccines within the State of Montana is much higher than the national average and that Yellowstone County has been providing 900+ doses per day. Jen thanked staff at Riverstone, the National Guard, as well as everyone who worked behind the scenes for helping ramp up the distribution of vaccines as they arrive.	

OLD BUSINESS		
COVID-19 Update	At least 241 Yellowstone County residents have lost their lives to the pandemic so far. Three COVID-19 deaths have been reported in March. Yellowstone County has 165 active COVID-19 cases as of today, March 11. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services online case map now shows 165 cases, a sharp decrease from 553 cases on the map Wednesday. There has been a significant discrepancy recently between the actual active case count in Yellowstone County and the incorrectly high number listed on the state map. DPHHS has reconciled the data to reflect the most up-to-date case count. The Unified Health Command (RiverStone Health, Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare and Yellowstone County Disaster and Emergency Services) is holding first-dose vaccine clinics at Cedar Hall at MetraPark. Appointments for the week of March 15 will be posted at mtreadyclinic.org when available. Some appointments will be available starting at 9 a.m. on March 15 by calling (406) 651-6596. Clinics are open to Yellowstone County residents in the 1A, 1B and 1B+ priority groups. For more information on vaccination priority groups, go to covid.riverstonehealth.org	
NEW BUSINESS		
OTHER BUSINESS		
Fran Santagata ***Regulatory Analyst*** **U.S. Department of Homeland Security** Office of Chemical Security, Region VIII Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency	**Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM): Removal of Certain Explosive Chemicals from the CFATS Appendix A.** ○ January 6, 2021: As part of CISA's commitment to ongoing evaluation of the CFATS program, CISA published a notice in the Federal Register on January 6, 2021, soliciting public comment on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) that considers removing 49 Class 1, Division 1.1 explosive chemicals from the list of regulated chemicals of interest (COI) in Appendix A of the CFATS regulation. ○ The ANPRM on the Removal of Certain Explosive Chemicals from the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards was open for comment for 60 days to March 8, 2021. ○ Seeks input as to whether there is duplication of regulatory effort (DHS/ATF/EPA) ○ 80 Comments received **Recent Cyberattacks** ○ Uptick in Ransomware https://www.cisa.gov/ransomware ▪ Water & Wastewater facilities ▪ Healthcare and biotechnology ○ Solarwinds Orion hack https://www.cisa.gov/supply-chain-compromise ▪ Solarwinds is a network monitoring software ▪ Advanced persistent threat (APT)- ▪ Infiltrated network management software ▪ Russian Hack ○ Microsoft Exchange Server hack https://www.cisa.gov/ed2102 ▪ E-mail server ▪ Hafnium suspected Chinese hack **Increased preoperational/surveillance activities in Louisiana targeting chemical Facilities over the last 2 years** ○ Includes 90 security breaches, 73 incidents involving photography, and 53 UAS sightings ○ Assess these incidents to continue or increase nationally	

LESSONS LEARNED:		
	Keith Edgell, MHP stated that in his 34-year career this was the largest number of vehicles involved in a single incident and in such a confined space. He stated that is was a 'perfect storm' that had ice forming on the bridge deck, visibility reduced due to snow and that stretch of I-90 is a downhill to the bridge. On the response side, he thanked everyone who responded that day and is thankful that there was no loss of life. It took approximately 5-hrs to clear and reopen the highway and considering 30+ vehicles were un-drivable and had to be towed. Motorists involved, checked for injury, and moved to a location off the interstate. That is an amazing response by all.	
	Brian Hanson, AMR stated that the response of AMR's on-duty and off-duty personnel was more than good. Having AMR and BFD personnel working the scene both above and below the bridge was challenging. He too was thankful that there was no loss of life.	
	Derek Yeager, 911 Center Manager stated that he would appreciate the opportunity to review the After Action Report and would like to use it as a training opportunity for future events and that it went as well, as much as it could at the time.	
HAZMAT CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTS: KC WILLIAMS		
	KC reported that there were 14 calls, which ranged from small spills to flaring reports.	
	The 30-car pileup on I-90 February 27 had fluids from wrecked vehicles leaking on the roadway and into the Yellowstone River below.	
	Explosion / Fire in Ryegate on March 5, required a HazMat Team response and is still under investigation.	
AGENCY PRESENTATION: POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.		

The next meeting is Virtual – April 8, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned: 2:20 p.m. [Williams / Lehm]

ATTENDANCE RECORD – MARCH 11, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING

Company	Present	Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled One-way
		Ellis, Erin	No	5
		Enden, Nelson		
		Nordel, Dave		
	X	Overcast, Annemarie		
Advanced Care Hospital		Copeman, Chuck	No	15
Ag Worker Health / Services		Stephens, Claudia	No	2
Alpha Omega Disaster Restoration		Johnson, Willy		
		Scheetz, Sonya		
Alternatives, Inc.		Deady, Rick Alan	No	2
American Medical Response	X	Hansen, Brian	No	5
		Collins, Amber	No	5
American Red Cross	X	Koenig, Ted	No	1
Big Horn County DES	X	Mischel, Brian	No	120
Big Sky EDA – Project Impact	X	Lehm, Dianne	No	5
		Maclean, Thom	No	1
Billings, City of – Airport Fire	X	Totton, Paul	No	1
Billings, City of – Fire		Biggins, Sean	No	1
		Francis, Bryan	No	1
	X	Gibson, Kathy	No	1
		Hoppel, Matt	no	1
		Lyon, Jason	No	2
		Rash, William	No	1
		Valdez, Pepper	No	1
Billings, 9-1-1 Center	X	Yeager, Derek		
		Martinez, Priscilla		
Billings, City of – Police		Korell, Brian		
Billings, City of – Public Safety/Radio Tech		Kristjanson, Jon		1
Billings, City of – Public Works		Krizek, Boris		3
Billings, City Public Works – Water	X	Fladland, Jason	No	3
Billings, City/County Planning		Friday, Wyeth	Yes	5
Billings Clinic		Marcotte, Joe		5
Billings Public Schools		Pearce, Cyndi	Yes	3
Brenntag Pacific, Inc.				
BSNF Police		Douglas, Justin	No	5

Company		Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled One-way
CHS Pipelines & Terminals– Laurel		Beach, Tina	No	30
		Fink, Chris		
	X	Larson, Marc		
		Martin, Jay	No	30
		Phillips, Joey	No	30
CHS Refinery – Laurel Pipelines & Terminals		Haan, Jacob		30
		Metzger, Keith		30
		LaCasse, Shane	No	30
County Water District of Blgs Heights		Nieskens, Duke	No	3
		Brookshire, Peyton	No	3
Dept Homeland Security		Middlebrook, Randy		
		Barone, Chris		
	X	Santagata, Fran		
DPC		Rosh, Ron	No	
Diamond B Technology Solutions		Rockvam, Perry	No	2
		Ullman, Jennifer		
ExxonMobil Refinery		Carter, Dan	No	5
		Westbrook, Bobby	No	3
ExxonMobil Pipeline	X	Burns, Maureen	No	5
		Vokral, James	No	4.5
	X	Wattles, Tyler		
		Gilskey, Trevor		
FBI		Rose, Nicolette	Yes	1
		Stewart, Michele	Yes	1
	X	Shirley, Kiffa		
Hawkins, Inc.		Lehner, Ross		
HOPE [Animal Assisted Crisis Response] Dogs		Schlitz, Harry		
Latter-Day Saints Charities		Nielsen, Lynnadele	No	5
		Zaugg, Bev		
Laurel, City of		Courtney, Karen	No	30
Laurel, City of		Markegard, Kurt	No	30
Laurel, City of	X	Swecker, Jamie		
Laurel, City of – Ambulance	X	Gurchiek, Lyndy		
Laurel, City of – Ambulance		White, Thomas	No	3
Laurel, City of – Fire Department		Shomer, Jason		30
Laurel, City of - Police Department		Langve, Stan	No	30
		Sauter, Joel	No	30
Laurel Public Schools		Blonk, Tim	Yes	30
Living Independently Today/Tomorrow		Jed Barton	No	2
Lockwood Fire Dept		Staley, John	No	7

Company		Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled One-way
Loveland Products		Grassel, Diana		
		Frickle, Melanie		
		Berry, Jacob	No	3
Montana Dakota Utilities		Tipton, Michelle	No	2
MT Dist. V DES Rep.	X	Hanson, Charlie	Yes	5
		Gates, Jeff	Yes	
Montana Fire Service Training School	X	Larson, Terry		
Montana Highway Patrol	X	Edgell, Keith	No	
MSU-Billings –Police				
		Gatlin, Brandon		1
Montana Prescribed Fire Service		Bushey, Chuck		
Montana Rail Link	X	Bacino, Tony	No	357
		Turner, Mark		20
Montana Sulphur & Chemical		DeHart, Mark	No	
Montana Women's Prison				3
		Mooreman, Michael		3
Musselshell County DES		Harper, Andrew		110
National Weather Service	X	Frieders, Thomas		
		Setzenfand, Robert		
Northwestern		Perry, Lisa	No	
PPL-Montana		Beckman, Lee		2
		Kimmet, Ken		2
		Magnuson, Chris		1
Phillips 66	X	Adelman, Ben		2
		Gallogly, Sean	No	1
	X	Madlow		
Phillips 66 Pipeline		Wahlert, Shawn	No	
Rehabilitation Hospital	X	Glancy, Mike		
Rimrock Foundation		Eckenroad, Jim	No	1
Riverstone Health		Ezell, Ray		2
		Neill, Greg	Yes	2
		Schneeman, Barbara	Yes	2
	X	Staton, Jennifer		
SM Energy		Sutherland, Jenifer	No	1
		Tengberg, Kim	No	1

Company		Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled One-way
Salvation Army	X	Major Keith Bottjen	No	2
		Peterson, Colin		
St. John's United		Burgess, Kent		
	X	Wilkerson, Rob		6
St. Vincent Healthcare			No	2
Shepherd Vol. Fire Dept		Ehlers, Phil	No	15
Sysco Food Service	X	Kelly, Chuck		4
US Marshal's Service		Rash, Carol	Yes	2
USPS		Shortman, Christi		
United Way Volunteer Center	X	Sanderson, Pam	No	2
				2
Vitalant [formerly United Blood Services]	X	Houston, Sherri		
		Rainey, Scott		3
YARES, Radio Club	X	Bikle, Chuck	No	6
		Lough, Bob		
Yellowstone Art Museum		Price, Kelly		1
Yellowstone County DES	X	Williams, KC		1
		Oberg, Linda		
Yellowstone County GIS	X	Powell, Mike		1
		Reynolds, Janet		
Yellowstone Co – Sheriff		Bofto, Sam		
		Linder, Mike		2
83rd Civil Support Team (WMD)		Steichea, Jason	Yes	
		Swan, Donnie	Yes	243
GUESTS:				
	X	Allen, Cyrina		
	34	**TOTAL ATTENDANCE**		