**Copper River LEPC**

**Regular Committee Meeting**

**December 6, 2018**

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| BOARD PRESENT | ABSENT/EXCUSED BOARD |
| Willard Hand, LEPC Chair (NV of KK) | David Abbott, Vice-Chair (CREMS) |
|  | Tana Mae Pete, Secretary (NV of Gulkana) |
| Jason Hoke, Treasurer (AHTNA/CVDA) (by phone) |  |
|  | Information Officer – Vacant |

**Others in Attendance:**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR

Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator & CRMC

Todd Dimond, CRNA

Sharla Huckabey, CRNA

Paul Meyer, AST

Brandie Radigan, Gakona Village

Sarah Sherwood, Gulkana Village

Lari Maize, CRHM

Cole Downing, CRNA

William Koweluk, CRNA

Matthew Lorenz, CREMS, CRR

Brad Honerlaw, NPS

Valerie Lenhartzen, BLM (Glennallen)

Bob Cyr, CVTC

Yolanda Dewitt, NV of Tazlina

Mike Trimmer, DNR (by phone)

**Call to Order**

Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am at Copper Valley Telecom, Glennallen, Alaska.

**Review of Agenda**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR, made a motion to have the agenda remain open and Brandie Radigan, NV of Gakona, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Brandie Radigan, NV of Gakona, to approve October 4, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Sharla Huckabey, CRNA. Motion passed.

**Introductions Made**

**Public Comment**

Jason Severs, GVFD & GRF&R, presented that the Fire Prevention activities were a success in our community. The volunteer fire departments presented fire safety at the school for some elementary, high school and homeschool students. The open houses occurred in Gakona and Glennallen with good turnout. American Red Cross was present for the Glennallen event and they, along with GlennRich Fire and Rescue, are in the process of installing thirty new smoke detectors in our community.

Willard Hand, NV of KK, informed the LEPC members that they are partnering with the state to work on a multi-jurisdictional (Copper Center, Silver Springs and Native Village of Kluti-Kaha) Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Bob Cyr, CVTC, presented an idea of 9-1-1 mapping for our area with official street signs and numbers. It has been difficult for many first responders to locate emergencies because of improper marking or no marking at all on residential buildings. It was suggested that local organizations come together to agree on one map and use each other’s data to compile a correct map. LEPC members are in agreement to pursue this project. Libby, LEPC coordinator, will contact DHS & EM to inquire about grant funding. Delta Junction is in the process of completing this project and could be a good resource.

Copper Basin 300 is the second week of January with 48 dog teams signed up to compete.

**Reports – Sub Committees**

**Reports – Coordinator**

**Action Items**

Recap on Community Responder Ready Class – Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, reports that we had fifteen responders including significant others at the Community Responder Ready Class on November 15th. There was also an appreciation dinner provided by other volunteers.

Fall Preparedness Conference Report – Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, reports the business LEPCA meeting this fall was informative. A motion was made to support mandatory reporting ands submitting EOPs to local LEPCs at Tier II reporting time. The motion was passed. The Copper River LEPC will have to formulate a plan on how to best store these plans and distributing them accordingly.

Cheesh’na Tribe HMP Community Meeting – Where: Cheesh’na Tribal Hall, Mile 33, Glenn Highway-Tok Cutoff, Gakona, AK 99586. When: Drop by any time between 10 am and 3 pm on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Copperville Bank Erosion – Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, and Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, informed the LEPC that there are a handful of community members in Copperville that have seen significant erosion on their properties because of the Copper River. These community members are concerned for their property and have asked the Copper River LEPC for advice/direction. The community members were directed to Corps of Engineers and USDA-NRCS. Libby sought out DHS & EM for advice and was told that the LEPC had directed the community members in the right direction. This section of Copperville is not part of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The erosion is a natural occurrence. The individuals affected are trying to find a way to receive grant funding to assist with the erosion and to move the bank of the Copper River to protect their homes and property.

November 30th Earthquake – It was discussed at the meeting how the Copper River area was affected by the November 30th Earthquake that affected the Anchorage and Mat-SU area. Those present at the meeting were reminded of the importance of having a “Go Bag” ready and a fully charged phone. On a community level we were reminded how important MOU/MOAs are with local businesses and to have a member from the school present at our meetings (especially if we are saying the school is our community shelter).

**Set Future Meeting Date, Time and Location**

The next monthly Copper River LEPC meeting will be held on January 3, 2019 at 10am at Copper Valley Telecom.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Jason Severs, GVFD & GRF&R, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01am. Motion seconded by Bob Cyr, CVTC. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.