



Gordon County Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes for March 11th 2009 Meeting

Welcome by.....Kristen Bartlett, Chairperson, Omnova Solutions

Members Present:

Joey Baker.....Henkel Corp.
Tommy Champion.....ARC
Kevin Cline.....Ga. Forestry
Richard Cooper.....GC EMA
Tony Cooper.....NW Ga. PH
Shawn Elmore.....Ga. DNR-LE
April Harkins.....GCHD
David Hawkins.....GCFD
Judy Howerton.....GCHD
Joey Jordon.....GCFD
Sara keys.....Mohawk
Derek McMillan.....LG CHEM

Bill Long.....Kobelco
Bo Nicholson.....GCFD
Christy Nicholson.....GC EMA
Jim Novak.....Allied
Dotti Payne.....GCFD
Donna Reeve.....GC GIS
Erica Stewart.....Mohawk
Byron Sutton.....GCFD
Courtney Taylor.....EMS
Paul Walker.....EMS
Kevin Wileman.....JM Huber

Kristen asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the Feb. 11th, 2009 meeting. Jim Novak made the motion and Byron Sutton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Committee Reports: None at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Office Supplies were purchased for \$90.66. WIPP Drill supplies were purchased for \$1380.03. GBT account \$1311.51. GC account \$2011.36. Bringing it to a total of \$3322.87.

Reportable Quantity Spills: Kristen asked if there had been any reportable spills. Chief Hawkins stated that a tractor trailer carrying Sodium Hydroxide had turned over on Redbud Rd. Bo Nicholson stated that the product came in contact with Lick Creek. The group discussed the details of the incident.

Old Business: Kristen asked Richard Cooper to give an update of the upcoming WIPP Drill. Cooper stated the he had plenty of volunteers. He stated that a lot of planning, time and effort had gone into getting ready for this drill. The Table Top Drill went well and he hopes

the actual WIPP Drill goes as smoothly as it did. Kristen stated Cooper would be giving a critique of the Drill at next months meeting.

Kristen stated that it was time for the annual elections for the LEPC. The floor was open for nominations. Byron Sutton made a motion to retain all officers in their current positions. Jim Novak seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kristen asked for the Resource/Committee Directory Database update. Judy Howerton stated that the database is still being worked on by Jeff Pollard.

Kristen asked if everyone had a chance to look over the committee list and that she needed people to fill the spots on the committees. Individuals started volunteering for committees. The group discussed the importance of the Hazardous Substance Committee and the issues of Tier II reports and how to deal with them. Kristen gave the group some new information on chicken farms and the possibility of an Ammonia release. Kristen stated before the April 8th meeting she wants everyone to know what committee they want to be involved with.

New Business: Tony Cooper stated there will be a National Strategic Exercise on April 14th at 9:00 am in Rome, Ga. The exercise will consist of pulling and shipping Meds to surrounding counties. Volunteers are needed.

Kristen stated that Christy Nicholson has some information on getting banners to advertise at the high schools. Christy gave the prices of the banners and that they would be on the fence at the football field for a year. The group discussed the advantages for getting the banner to advertise our local LEPC. Jim Novak made a motion to purchase the banner and Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief Hawkins gave the group an update on the new training tower at Coosa Valley Tech. He stated the tower was getting painted today and that one of the walls should be up by today. He stated they were still waiting to hear from one grant and that we are still open for any donations. He also stated that the Gordon County Fire Department received a \$160,000 grant for a burn trailer for firefighter suppression training. Cooper stated that ERD had been invited to Allied Chemical due to a tank car leaking. Jim explained to the group about the difference in the shipping process and the valves on the tanks. Cooper stated that Allied volunteered if there is a leak somewhere else, that they can provide cylinders.

Kristen stated that at the next meeting Chief Hawkins will be giving a class. She asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Cooper made the motion and Joey Jordon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting Information: April 8, 2009 @ 10:00 AM