



**Northwest Arctic Borough
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Billy Lee called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. on May 16, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Members present at the time of roll call:

Alvin Werneke	Scott Jones	Ron Moto	Dan Douglas
Austin Swan	Edward Gooden	Enoch Mitchell	Billy Lee
Agnes Jack	Walter Downey	John Whede	

Members absent at the time of roll call:

Patrick Savok	Silvano Viveiros	Sgt. Duane Stone	John Spriggs
Ginger Sharrow	Calvin Schaeffer	Pierre Lonewolf	Tim Gavin
Alex Sheldon Sr	Derek Martin	Edward Hailstone	Joe Arey
Bob Chandler	Herman Reich Jr	Barbara Spriggs	

A quorum was present to conduct business.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed.

Introduction of staff and guests:

Mariel Fonteyn	Eva Edwards	Chris Hatch	Robert Burger
Erica Lambers	Lena Ferguson		

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of September 5, 2013 presented for approval.

Billy Lee moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Walter Downey; passed unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda presented for September 5, 2013 for approval.

Robert Burger Correction John and Barbara Spriggs left in June of last year and Ginger Sharrow is no longer available for the membership, I believe my name has been submitted Robert Burger to replace Barbara last September and Erica Lamberg is with the hospital too she does Infection Control.

Billy Lee motioned to approve the agenda as revised, seconded by Austin Swan. Minutes passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Clara Jones gave a summary of the ongoing efforts of prevention and preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

Billy Lee gave an update on the spring preparedness conference that he, Walter, Clara attended. A lot of the plans in your villages do not include long term recovery and were going to be bringing back to your villages so that the commissioners here need to go back and talk to your people about updating your plans and getting them ready and including long term recovery because were always stuck in the moment when the disaster hits and we never think about what it is going to take for long term recovery and the impacts that it has, were going to be updating our E.O.P's and going through that quickly, were going to start with Noatak's and get that all updated and work on that.

Clara Jones gave a brief update on Hazardous Spill Reports. Only major was 50 gallons of glycol.

Billy Lee with all the ships and traffic we should be aware of the traffic going through there and potential spills and how were going to deal with these types of spills. Last year we had 416 ships that went through the area here and the coast guard was doing some counting.

Tier II Reporting

Billy Lee stated the reports have not changed since the last time.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Dan Douglas of Kiana the only major thing we got up in Kiana is we've been trying to get funding for the village safe water and sewage lagoon force main line, we have raw sewage running down the river all spring and I don't know how many gallons have gone down, it's an ongoing thing but I think that's something the borough needs to look into, were not getting nowhere with VSW or Public Health Service and it's been a big concern of Noorvik and I hope the planning commission looks into it and get some help. No major oil spills.

Billy Lee we will bring it to their attention but I don't know if its something that the borough itself can do for you, my concern of coarse will be the people down river making sure that they boil their water

for drinking and sure that's always a good thing to do, were even doing it upriver, boiling our water this time of year because of beaver fever and everything else that's going on in our water.

Dan Douglas we announced it on VHF so Noorvik know's about it.

Edward Gooden would the borough be able to build lofts in Kobuk for flooding spring time? This year it didn't flood, would be able to get grants to build lofts for our four wheelers and snow machines and a few months back there was an oil spill with the school district they were getting fuel flown in and overfilled and we had DEC and some other people called, they called it in something like 200 gallons diesel.

Billy Lee clarifies lofts.

Edward Gooden for personal stuff for the home owners and would be nice to get a connex for search and rescue snow machines so they aint sitting out side and build it up high so it will be out of the flood zone for both search and rescue and volunteer fire department.

Billy Lee recommends if you were to give us an idea or get ahold of Lena, she may be able to find grant money out there for you to do this kind of work and give her an idea where you want to put the lofts you want built and I know you brought your inventory in with you, that would be something Lena would be able to work with you trying to find money or maybe Mr. Gallahorn may have an idea.

Kenny Gallahorn that is the right plan, we don't really have a grant writer per say that is going to change soon, we will hopefully have something available to help all of the communities.

The state has the hazard mitigation grant funding which may be available with the kind of work as well but I will warn you its from the federal government so its not exactly a speedy process. I can get with you and get the contact information for those people.

Austin Swan I have started cleaning up my yard, we have a real bad problem with our landfill its just not enough space to contain the population increase in Kivalina so something needs to be done there. Just recently weve been talking about updating our emergency plan for the village, its been better than 10 years since we started this plan so phone numbers and people have changed and I think we need to do that since were starting to have a lot of earthquakes up here now so I think that's a good idea. We didn't have any flooding in Kivalina except for right in the village from snow melt, pretty good size puddles, enough to float big boats in there.

Enoch Mitchell from Noatak I apologize for not being there in Noatak during the meeting, I was in anchorage for appointments. I had a meeting in Noatak with the IRA council about the EOP plan, we are passing it around to see whos going to be the IC for that, we go through the book and it states that the fire chief is registered in the state marshals so we use the fire chief for IC commander for the village of Noatak and that would be me, I got that book and im going to start with it, I will need some help and Im still in the process of forming a committee for the EOP book. I talked with Ron Moto and he was going to send his book electronically so we can use that as a guide, were in the process right now were waiting for it to calm down and most of the people on the committee are available now and we need to have more meetings down the year scheduled, were in the process of getting that book done and hopefully we will be getting some place with that. The fire department had one call few months back, AVEC called the fire department asking us to stand by because one of the wires were getting hot and stated to smoke, we went out and stand by, they sent people over to get it fixed and everything was ok. The fire department was asking for the code red machine that each village gets,

from what I understand were next in line but I think they stopped making them and we need something as backup.

Billy Lee I think the Borough is looking into each village fire departments needs and I think Lena is working on something of that nature and I think our problem that we have is funding and the assembly has cut our funding for both we have some funding but most of it is for the essentials that we must have but as far as extras its going to be kinda difficult to get but we are working on trying to find funding to get these extras. The code red there were a couple that I can think of there was an extra down in the Wasilla area that they used for training and they got were wanting to get rid of it but the stuff that were using now days and that the borough is handing out to us is getting better and better and the training that were receiving is getting better and better so were almost at the point where getting away from these code reds and using our fire tactics, code reds only give you a few extra seconds to get your stuff hooked up and some time they do save the buildings and stuff, that's something were ongoing looking for these mini fire houses, we will see what we will do for you.

Scott Jones from Ambler I have a list of items that I went through with the mayor before I came down, one of the big projects we have in Ambler is the DOT projects and that's the Grizzly bridge between town and the airport, it is the lifeline, we get our fuel on that road, we get all our groceries, all our passenger travel, all our health and safety items depend on the bridge going to the airport and its pretty poor state of repair. The more immediate things is we have a fuel farm in the middle of Ambler and it has two separate secondary containment sides to it and one of the sides has several empty tanks in it and there's approximately 3-4 foot of water in that dike and the tanks are only secured by the flex hose to the manifold and it looks pretty nasty there, they haven't fallen over but it's been that way for a long time and my request would be to be able to test the water in the dikes before it gets discharged over the side of the dike to make sure that it is not contaminated with fuel and I am not sure where to go with that, not sure who to ask. The erosion that we are experiencing on the front of town this is about the 3rd or 4th year in a row where we don't have enough water in the river to reach to the corner of town that the water main is threatened, but if we have a rainy season the runoff on that hill will expose that pipe and theres less than two feet of material between the water main and the river just to expose it and the erosion has taken the access to that corner completely off there is no fire lane, its just a four wheeler trail and its precarious at that. Back to the fuel project, in the summer time when its hot the fuel pumps leak and spray fuel and theres no secondary containment built into that and usually when it starts that they usually shut down and don't dispense fuel so that needs to be addressed sometime. The landfill its like most of everybodys dump around here, its nasty, theres no follow-through with some of the plans of the past, we wanted to try to fence it and use gravel, our gravel has abspestic in it, its catch 22 it's a real ordeal to try to get gravel to cover the landfill. Theres a trail going out of town called the subsistence trail, the kiana trail and morgan Johnson had a team about 3 years ago and they used insulated water pipe to hold the material and they bridged the pipe over the creek and so far so good, the last time I was across the bridge was about a week ago and the water hadn't come up to the bridge but it was eroding upstream so that the pipe was in danger of getting washed out again. There was a request through the city council to have the coast guard to come up to asses our tank farms and all our refueling facilities and the school has facilities of their own, ARUK has facilities of their own the city of Ambler has facilities of their own and IRA has a tank farm.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE/S&R TRAILS UPDATE

NEXT MEETING DATE

To be determined by Chairperson scheduled in March of 2014.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Jones moved to adjourn; seconded Ron Moto by; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 11:50 A.M.