

**Minutes**  
**Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee**  
**April 23, 2012**

Members Present: Rob Reichwein, Olin Fimreite, Dick Miller, John Aasen, and David Suchla

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Brian Puent, Dan Schreiner, Jami Kabus

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Reichwein stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Aasen and seconded by Fimreite to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Fimreite to table the April 11, 2012 meeting minutes until next meeting due to the whole committee not having a copy of the minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Election of Officers**

Reichwein opened up the nominations for the Chair Position.  
Fimreite nominated Suchla.  
Miller nominated Reichwein.

**Roll call vote was taken.**

Suchla, Fimreite, and Aasen in favor of Suchla.  
Miller and Reichwein in favor of Reichwein.

Suchla opened up the nominations for the Vice Chair Position nominating Aasen.  
Miller nominated Reichwein.

**Roll call vote was taken.**

Suchla, Fimreite and Aasen in favor of Aasen.  
Miller and Reichwein in favor of Reichwein.

Secretary position nominations were opened by Reichwein nominating Fimreite. Suchla asked 3 times for any other nominations. Nominations were closed. Fimreite elected to Secretary Position by default.

**Chair: Dave Suchla, Vice Chair: John Aasen, Secretary: Olin Fimreite**

Motion carried 5-0

**Communications Project Update**

**Promulgation Statement Acceptance**

Dan Schreiner asked for signatures on the Promulgation Statement for the County-Wide Plan/Strategic Plan document. Schreiner stated having this in place is a regulation for eligibility to EPCRA Grant and the cost of clean up for spills of Hazardous/Extremely Hazardous materials in the county would then be eligible for reimbursement under FEMA. Schreiner stated that copies were available to check out for review. Schreiner also noted that it has been since the early 1980's that the last one was approved. Schreiner stated there are 23 facilities in the county that have an Off Site Plan for Extremely Hazardous Material (required by FEMA). Noted were ammonia and chlorine as examples of extremely hazardous materials. Trempealeau County needs an onsite plan over the care of these types of materials. The strategic plan in place would reference what procedure is currently in place and whom

to contact to handle individual hazardous spills. Currently, Trempealeau County calls Dispatch and they in turn contact who is needed. Schreiner noted an incident that occurred after the flood where there was mercury found in the parking lot of the old Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. Suchla asked what mercury exactly was. Schreiner stated no one knows who or how it was put there. Schreiner also stated that La Crosse cleaned it up and the costs were covered by FEMA. Motion to Approve by Miller, Reichwein seconded. Suchla asked for voice motion 4-1

All Committee Members signed the Promulgation Statement.

#### **Approve/Fill Vacant Deputy Position (Patrol Requisition)**

Sheriff Anderson stated that an officer was leaving Trempealeau County and has obtained employment at the Osseo Police Department. Sheriff's Office requests to fill the vacant Patrol Position. Sheriff Anderson submitted a Trempealeau County Staffing Requisition Form for the vacancy. Motion to Approve by Fimreite, seconded by Aasen. Motion carried 5-0

#### **Sale of K-9 Heline**

Sheriff Anderson stated that K-9 Heline was purchased 3 years ago. Osseo PD would like to purchase Heline, however, they don't have enough funds to do so. Sheriff stated to Osseo that possible fund raisers could help cover the cost of Heline. Sheriff advised he spoke with Cathy Markos, whom we originally purchased Heline from, and stated that Heline has approximately 2-3 years of service expectancy left. Also stated was that the K-9 should sell for \$1,500 - \$2,000. Markos was not sure if she would be willing to purchase Heline back if Osseo PD chose not to, however, would be willing to work something out. Sheriff stated he would like to give Heline to Osseo as we would still be able to utilize her if we needed to. Motion to approve sale of Heline by Aasen, Fimreite seconded.

Sheriff Anderson advised it would take 2-3 years for a K-9 to adapt to a new handler. Sheriff noted that we currently have a K-9 Unit available daily as they currently work opposite shifts. Suchla asked if any problems would lie within the people who helped fund the donation for the purchase of Heline if she was given to Osseo. Sheriff answered noting that Heline really belongs to Deputy Tim Wilson. Fimreite stated he was in favor of whatever the Sheriff wanted to do. Aasen stated to give the K-9 to Osseo. Fimreite asked what would happen with the handler. Aasen stated the decision should be left to the Sheriff. Suchla motion to close. Motion 5-0

#### **Other Items**

None noted.

#### **Next Meeting Date/Time**

The monthly Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on May 23, 2012 at 3:00 pm in the Tremple Room.

Motion by Reichwein, and seconded by Aasen to adjourn the meeting. With no further discussion, Reichwein adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Aasen  
Secretary, Law enforcement/Emergency Management Committee  
Minutes by: Carol Ressler