

**Columbia Emergency Planning Association**  
**Meeting Minutes –April 5, 2011**

Present:

Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Steve Salle'	St. Helens Police
Ray Murphy	ARES RACES and US Power Squadron
Nancy Harwood	CERT, Citizen Corps and RSVP
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Andy Moyer	Sheriff's Office
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Michael Cave	Dyno Nobel
Val Koss	Columbia River PUD
Aleea Sharp	DHS
Dee Wooley	Columbia 911
Kim Johns	National Guard
Steve Watson	Columbia 911
Sue Reedy	Columbia 911
Joe Errante	ARES RACES
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Dana Jester	St. Helens Senior Center
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Diane Dillard	" "
Derek White	Columbia County Emergency Management
Renate Rudolph	" " "
David Qualman	Conrad Forest Products
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Commissioner
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Kristi Ward	GP Wauna
Debbie Mattinen	GP Wauna
Dave Hill	Columbia County Road Department
Terri Levie	Columbia 911
Tiffany Misclevitz	ServiceMaster by JTS
Marge Murphy	American Red Cross
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Kelly Scott	American Red Cross
Beth Wallace	American Red Cross
Genell Grow	St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union
Brandi McCallister	" " "
Steve Watson	Columbia 911

Greg called meeting to order. Appreciate two county commissioners in attendance (Henry showed up a bit later). Thank you to 911 for letting us use their conference room and to Steve Watson from 911 for setting up the meeting room and getting projector going.

CEPA board of directors meets on May 3, 9 a.m. at the 911 Center. New CEPA members include Rachel Barry-Dame, Circuit Judges Grove, Grant and Reed.

Glad for all who attended farewell cake and coffee for Larry Lucas. His next retirement party is Saturday, April 30 at the Monticello. Received a note from Sally (thank you). Do we want to take up a collection for Larry – give money to Diane. WE COLLECTED SOME MONEY FOR LARRY'S RETIREMENT GIFT – but only from a few of our many CEPA members. You can drop the donations off at the Administrative Office at CRF&R. I have a mailbox there.

Guest speakers today Derek, Tony and Renate - thanks to GP Wauna for the door prizes – Brawny paper towels.

Saturday, April 16 –DONKEY BASKETBALL – our fundraiser – hopefully every CEPA member will show – 6 p.m. at St. Helens High School. April 8, 10 a.m. CEPA EXPO planning meeting.

**Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission** – Derek said they are working with CEPA and other agencies to make sure we are not duplicating efforts and improving emergency management. Tony Hyde – a good example of why government agencies must be fully trained up and required - when the current governor came to Vernonia along with Region X director – came to Vernonia and gave school district \$11.2 million – that money would not have been available if the County had not had a mitigation plan approved and in place. That plan had to have been approved prior to December 7<sup>th</sup> of 2007. Emergency Management gets many requests relating to requirements on diking, planning, training, mitigation. You can choose not to follow the rules but if you don't and an emergency occurs, you will not receive reimbursement. We have had 8 federally declared disasters in Columbia County. In general county commissioners know little about disaster declarations, etc. – fortunately I learned the system when I was Mayor of Vernonia. Commissioners come and go and we must assure continuity – so we have HSEMC – made of practioners – fire, police, cities – we had giant holes in our system like our schools. Now that has been addressed. We all have these requirements – everyone is hurting for money. Truth of the matter is emergency management is our insurance –

Two parts to HSEMC – there is an advisory group. The group has really got into policy discussion and made decisions on things like Fuel Prioritization following major earthquakes, shelters, sandbag policy. He distributed the Membership list for HSEMC. The second part of HSEMC is the coordinator who is Renate Rudolph. We have been able to fund this position through Cities and other public safety agencies. Renate comes from Red Cross background in California. She has played an important role in emergency management.

Fuel Prioritization – who gets it first in the event of a major earthquake. Goal is to get it in writing. We have had a good look at Red Cross shelters. We recently worked on the Trojan Security Plan – we still have fuel rods stored there. We have been bringing a whole bunch of training to the county – just recently post-earthquake building identification. Countywide presentations on preparedness – we had weather spotter training. She has also brought in other trainers which allows us to get some more specified training. This is a county-wide system – this is about building a system for all the cities, special districts and all the citizens.

How do we coordinate with CEPA and Citizen Corps? We need to avoid duplication of efforts. We discussed how we make sure that each group is doing what they are supposed to be... CERT teams train

others. What is the mission of CEPA? We came up with a strategic plan which will be presented to each board.

Discussed HSEMC Priority Plan including:

- Reviewing/Updating Local Emergency Plans
- Citizen/Business Outreach
- Training and Exercises for Partners
- Communication/Sharing Information Among Agencies
- Prioritizing Mandates
- New Emergency Operations Center

#### Member Reports

Finances – Mike handed out report – remember we have to have our business plan completed by May 15. Balance \$12,204.70

EHS – David Qualman – explained that we got bids out for the Commodity Flow Study  
CEPA Expo meeting Friday April 8, 10 a.m. We have some Shelter in Place information that needs to get out to the public.

Program Committee – Diane handed out topics

OSFM – Terry Wolfe – It has been about 17 years since CR2K has had to do a fee increase. If the legislature doesn't get this, there will definitely be cuts, but we are grateful for the letters of support from facilities. If it doesn't go through, Planning and Training Assistance will go away. There is potential that come July 1, I won't be here anymore. So get your questions to me – I will be here at 9 a.m. on June 7.

Hazard Materials Grant – business plans have gotten more detailed. Be thinking about your projects and get real detailed.

FIRE – Scappoose just responding to emergency calls. CRFR about the same – business as usual.

LAW – nothing out of the ordinary – we are running short staffed

SHERIFF – Helping with Sheriff's Stable Funding Committee – 4 year levy would provide 6 additional deputies and three additional investigators.

COUNTY – Tony missed March 1<sup>st</sup> CEPA meeting – we are in a trickle-down economics and it's not trickling down. We are going to have to make some difficult decisions as we work on our budgets – State is looking at a \$3 billion shortfall. We need active management in our forests which will bring back significant revenue to our state. Earl – April 12<sup>th</sup> another meeting of Hwy. 30 safety committee – will be held at Best Western, 6 p.m. Tony's talked about our budget items. Henry – that evening also holding a joint meeting with the Fair board – we are restructuring how the Fair and Event Complex operate. Number of changes are going to be made – come out to that informational meeting. 6 p.m. at the Pavillion.

911 – no report

**Armstrong** – no OSHA or lost times in first quarter

**GP Wauna** – we won an international safety award – an ergonomics award. We have 15 new hires that started yesterday. June 30<sup>th</sup> our fire department is having a mass casualty drill – need victims. Tony said that our very own GP Wauna mill stepped up with the largest donation that the Wauna Mill has ever made \$50,000 to the Vernonia School Rebuilding Project.

**Dyno Nobel** small ammonia released on March 30<sup>th</sup> – good response from personnel – came from a pump failure. No injuries and no impacts to the community. Little concerned with high water – it is circumventing our boom stakes. On going projects HAZOPS for 2012. Business at Dyno is very strong – hired 4 new operators not too long ago – still **CRPUD** – Our hydro electric system is doing really well – March 120% of normal – and probably 100% of normal through this month. Couple of high wind events in the county – did not impact us as bad as Portland – crews responded and people were back in service in a couple of hours. We have gone through a lot of training – emergency preparedness drills. 911 procedure, lockout procedure, silent alarms.

**Conrad Forest Products** – no report

**SHFCU** – Nothing new – we are starting to be able to afford we can add back some positions –

**ServiceMaster** – nothing

**Emergency Management** – going to have to change date of exercise at Dyno

**Red Cross** – message of preparedness even more important after the tsunami in Japan. David Morrisson came in and helped us erect new antenna.

**National Guard** – Kim no report

**County Road** – all this wet weather – had a major landslide - MP8 on Scappoose/Vernonia Hwy – road dropped 5 feet.

**Port of St. Helens** – working with Pacific NW Waterways Assn – addressing some of the FEMA certifications on levies. **Port Westward** – there is working being done to restart the ethanol plant.

**Chamber of Commerce** – Diane – membership continues to grow

**ARES** – Joe said pretty quiet – continue to listen to radio's but not communicating back

**DHS** – No report

**Public Health** – State Pub Health Division is currently offering free training for radiation monitoring. They are building a cadre of volunteers – if you are interested contact Anne Parrott. She has been training in Portland on strategic plan discussing target capabilities. MRC – been fairly quiet.

**RSVP** – Nancy – had a great meeting – thanks to Derek for putting this training on. April 8<sup>th</sup> is our closing date - Our veteran's program is really going - thanks to Ray, Patrick Trapp, Jay, Henry – we now have the volunteers who will really help the Veteran's program.

**Ray Murphy** – getting cruising going – trying to get vessels inspected.

**Dana Jester** – we did implement a new meal delivery program in the event of bad weather. Working with Derek in making the Senior a support shelter.

**CRI** – several partners in the room who are participating in the Push Partners program – heading into our final planning conference - June 8-10<sup>th</sup> will be full-scale exercise. It is an agency who is willing, ready and able to administrate emergency medication to their staff.

**Sacagawea** – Auction Benefit – May 21 at the Olde School

**Hood to Coast** is following a different road...they are going to go all the way through St. Helens to Pittsburgh Road – to Sunset Blvd and then to Columbia Blvd and then to the fairgrounds. Tony said they coordinate that route with emergency agencies – there is an impact to CC – 14 years ago, we never got revenue – but we now have all the agencies sending in allocated costs – it is somewhere to \$25,000 to \$30,000 from the race. Safeway has now become a gold sponsor –August 26-27.

**Dee Wooley** – Arts Commission in Clatskanie – concert Friday in the Performing Center – Horse Crazy Cowgirls.

**ALL OF YOU WISHING TO DONATE TO THE LARRY LUCAS RETIREMENT GIFT – PLEASE**

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Next meeting is Tuesday, May 3, 10 a.m. at the 911 Center. Guest Speaker will be Rick Whitehead – he will discuss what's happening at 911. Dyno Nobel will be providing treats and door prizes.