

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2010

Chair Greg Godfrey welcomed. Thanks Northwest Natural for the treats and door prizes.

Present:

Diane Dillard	CEPA
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Jim Huff	CEPA etc. Retired
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Greg Hinkelman	City of Clatskanie
Anne Parrott	Columbia Health District/Public Health
Ron Youngberg	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Val Koss	Columbia River PUD
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Ray Murphy	Power Squadron
Dana Jester	St. Helens Senior Center
Derek White	Columbia County Emergency Management
Caroline Frappier	American Red Cross
Al Pierce	ARES
Loren Klepper	ARES/Races
Joe Errante	ARES/Races
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Gary Hyatt	Northwest Natural Gas – Guest Speaker
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Marge Murphy	American Red Cross
Jeff Dickerson	Columbia County Sheriff
Paula Miranda	Port of St. Helens Staff
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens Staff
Patty Adams	St. Helens School Superintendent
Kelly Scott	American Red Cross
Kristin Concoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific
Steve Salle'	St. Helens Police
Norm Miller	Scappoose Police
Mike Sullivan	PGE
Lil Guisinger	Rainier School District
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
David Qualman	Conrad Forest Products
Henry Heimuller	Columbia Co. Rider
Lonny Welter	Columbia Co Road Department
Don Patterson	Chronicle
Brandi McAllister	St. Helens Federal Credit Union

Kim Johns	Oregon Military Department
Mark Griffin	Corps of Engineers
Kate Fagerholm	American Red Cross
Rita Bernhard	Columbia County Commissioner
Mark Gunter	St. Helens Public Works

Welcome to the November CEPA meeting – excellent meeting attendance today with 44 of us! Dyno Nobel host this morning – back to 911 center in January and February. First time visitor Dana Jester – here on behalf of the St. Helens Senior Center, Lil Guisinger from the Rainier School District. Ray Murphy returns to CEPA after a brief absence --- welcome back.

Sub-committees will start meeting at 9 a.m. beginning on December 7 and LEPC Board meetings will be every other month beginning in November at 9 a.m. Next board meeting is January 4, 2011, 9 a.m. at the 911 Center. Board felt it was important to have agency reports during CEPA meetings and would ask that they would continue that process – if you have a lengthy report send it in advance to Diane at diane@dillardpr.com.

Terry Wolfe reports that the grant process for LEPC's – in the process of closing out grant requests that ended September 30. We received requests from all over the state from areas who do not have LEPC's. But those areas who now have LEPC's – are developing business plans – so our process is kind of inconsistent. CEPA's business plan has been submitted since last October --- we will be going to Salem on November 9th for our grant review. We will be announcing grant winners shortly thereafter and money should be available almost immediately. Greg reminded CEPA members that we have requested funding for a Commodity Flow study – as a LEPC we have some duties to do – we are an all-hazardous LEPC – acts of terrorism, extremely hazardous substances and natural events. We have to identify what is here and what flows through this County. We need to make sure plans exist and we have the equipment on hand as well as an educated citizenry. We need to focus on Shelter in Place training.

LEPC membership – need to fill out the form – we became an LEPC a couple of years ago. Gated Wye – will be featuring a story on Columbia County's CEPA. It was the first LEPC in the State of Oregon. Diane will be sending that document to our membership.

Greg introduced Gary Hyatt – Damage control prevention manager for NW Natural and our guest speaker today. He also thanked NW Natural for the treats and door prizes. He reminded school districts that by law you need to be a member of the One Call system if the underground facilities are owned by the school district and cross public rights of ways. – we only have 17 school districts in the state that are currently on the list and we have over 200 in the state.

Some counties are making provisions for permits prior to locates. Fire department are going to get more phone calls – by federal law the excavator must call 911 if damaged gas line is blowing – this really concentrates on individuals – what about utilities that are installing. Minimum of 18 inches within the property and 24" on the outside. Comcast is known to install some fiber only 3" deep. Lonny noted that the biggest offender in Columbia County is communications companies. Gary suggested that when county does ditch cleaning, it would be good to call for locates even though the law gives you an exemption. If you call for locates, it gives us a chance to protect you. We have two days to respond to a locate request. There is an exemption to home owners – going less than 12" in depth you are the homeowner or working for the homeowner – even when you are putting in a shrub it is wise to call for locates. Call Gary personally – anytime day or night. If you have concerns regarding excavation

practices. NW Natural performs leakage surveys four times a year – and we have a pipe integrity program. In our system everything in our system is odorized. We do have slide monitoring when we see areas that might have slide potential.

85% of NW Natural's lines 6" and smaller are plastic lines – so everything since 1984 is plastic – lot of gas moving through the county. Greg noted that the major fuel for this plant (Dyno Nobel) is natural gas...so lots of gas at 500 lbs. per square inch

Member reports

Fire –

Mike Greisen - Scappoose – all is calm.

Jay – CRF&R - really quiet but still open for business

Law Enforcement

Steve – St. Helens Police - Homeland Security grant program brought us a huge new nice generator – now in emergency operations for the city we have the ability to run day and night. Thanks to Derek for putting grant together. Donkey Basketball – funding source for LEPC. We talked about partnering with morning Kiwanis group in St. Helens – now it is CEPA, Kiwanis, local St. Helens Police and CRF&R --- sure to have a date in the near future – Kiwanis and CEPA will split the “gate.”

Donut Day – benefit for Columbia Pacific Food Bank – ordered 475 dozen donuts - \$2018 – now need to figure out a way to pay for it. Spaghetti Dinner --- at Buccini Hall at 5 p.m. this Friday – November 5— proceeds go to Food Bank – last year we donated 2 tons of food and some \$3500 in cash.

Sheriff - Jeff Dickerson reported on a new fingerprinting program for children. They will issue ID kits free of charge – can play an important part of a locate for kids in an emergency. It is all digital – we give it to the parent - did about a 100 up in Clatskanie – and last weekend we did 200 children. If you want to take children to Sheriff's office, please call and make an appointment. This is for children 18 years and under. If an employer wants to do it, there is a slight charge.

Scappoose – Norm Miller – said it's all quiet in Scappoose.

Industry

NW natural – nothing significant to report

GP Wauna - Kristi – no report

CRPUD – very wet October leaves are still on trees – few outages. CRPUD just conducted an evacuation drill. PUD lines buried on Gregory Road.

Dyno Nobel – Alicia Little - lot of money being put into the plant – No lost time injuries in the last 12 years. PSM audit by OSHA – they will be here for six weeks.

PGE – we've surpassed 300,000 safework hours at Beaver --- Port Westward approaching 200,000 safework hours.

SH Credit union – on line banking from cell phones – now available.

911 – Henry Heimuller – board member said they are in the process of hiring Sally Jones' replacement – thanks to PUD who loaned us Val Koss to lead us through the process. We chose to use the PUD model. Down to finalists – had a good bank of people to select from – down to 5 finalists. Again thanks to Val and the PUD for leading us through this process.

Port – Paula Miranda - OREPET moving ahead through with their construction permit – they will be located behind Wal-Mart at Multnomah Industrial Park.

Conrad Forest Products – David Qualman - nothing to report.

County Commissioners – Tony noted biggest issue is Nov. 25 – the deadline for the new flood maps – they will be official Nov. 26 ---Must buy insurance before the Nov 25 – if you don't you lose chance to be grandfathered in – and rates will remain low for the life of the property. Call Land Development Services – Glen Higgins if you have questions about it. If there are areas that has a floodway that is not defined – all the contiguous area becomes a floodway. Earl reminded folks that sometimes we get things in mail and promptly toss them - you might want to make sure you read notices. Rita – did have an evacuation drill at courthouse – went very well. I am retiring at end of December – replacement will be elected today.

Emergency Management - Derek White – evac drill – busy doing several drills all around the county. Test for different things – getting ready for upcoming winter. If there is a gas leak – not necessarily an evacuation required. Also trying to work with Washington side of the river – and OEM so that we get notified of releases – Weyehaeuser had a significant leak last week and we never got notified. Hazardous materials can drift across the state lines

ARC – Kelly Scott said it was a wet October – National Weather Service – remnants of Typhoon Mickey headed for Oregon –gave us chance to hear weather reports. Although we didn't activate we got a chance to drill.

Corps of Engineers – Mark Griffin said next 48 to 72 hours – bucket dredge under Longview Bridge should be done and that will take river down to 45 feet – new grain elevators at Kalama Longview – more commodities coming our way... bigger ships and more on them. Ships are coming in light and leaving light so now they can carry more tons. This will put us back in competition with Seattle/San Francisco.

Chamber – Diane reported that we have tickets for sale – the stainless steel sink donated by Pacific Stainless Steel.

Schools –

Rainier – Lil Guisinger - all okay

St. Helens – Patty Adams - high school closed their campus to cars leaving at noon. Giving Impacts training for all coaches --- two big safety features – fewer explosions and referrals. Bullying we are taking on very aggressively – we are racheting it up.

OSFM – Terry Wolfe - been real busy this summer --- got Lincoln county back up and running up as a LEPC – orientation in Lane County and in December – final meeting in Multnomah County two or three LEPC's – lot of work involved. Grant closed out – Bit of a funding issue with “community-right-to-know” and so we went to the board and asked for a temporary fee increase.

Derek was asked to sit on an advisory panel to develop a DEQ matrix for fines of a companies that spill. One of the things he suggested is credits for companies that participate in LEPC's and work with Fire departments and Emergency management – very favorable feedback on that. Give credit to agencies such as Dyno who work closely.

Need to make sure that business and industries are reporting under the Community Right to Know law.

ARES – Al Pierce - got a temporary repeater replaced with a permanent one. Got approval for two new repeaters – still waiting on approval on a 1.2 gig repeater. Starting to cover area – still have 3rd Sunday of any month reserved for anyone who wants to test for a license – 2 p.m. at the Scappoose Senior Center.

Sacagawea – Diane noted – nothing to report today.

CRI – is hosting 3-day two state drill in 7 counties --June 8-11, 2011. CC is participating in this exercise. Anne Parrott is major coordinator for the county. Props coming from CDC – two semi trucks full of pretend goods to distribute throughout the seven counties.

Chronicle – Don Patterson said that as a result of last month's CEPA meeting the Chronicle published a story about the weather and also a story about the flood insurance issue – appreciate opportunities that the community needs to know about. Greg noted that we very glad to have the Chronicle as a member.

Cities – Clatskanie – Greg Hinkelman like with many cities we continue to fight the feds and state and we are out of money! No report from other cities.

Road Department – Lonny Welter – got out and painted road stripes – couple of bridges propped back up. Overall a pretty good summer but we have had the wettest October on record – starting to look at hillside and ditches.

National Guard – Kim Johns reported on the new armory upgrade – is for lease from the State for events – we have a facility manager – John Staub is the guy to contact. He has now joined CEPA/LEPC membership – if you wish to reserve the armory call 503 397 0758. Cell 971 221 9359 or you can email him at john.staub@us.army.mil. We attended rededication of the Armory – great place to have events. If you have an opportunity go look at it --- “improvements” – it is on south 7th. (Diane note – I learned on Friday that they now have a caterer on site – Susie's Kombat Kitchen and Katering – Susie Wilson 503 422-1634 – susieskitchen51@yahoo.com.)

Transportation – Henry noted that this Friday CCRider will be hosting South County Chamber's Koffee Klatsch – lost a park 'and ride spots in Scappoose so working on that and the St. Helens Transit Center project – trucks on the ground in a couple of weeks. Janet applied for and got grant for a new 30 passenger bus and 3- 16 passenger buses.

Public Health - Anne Parrott – working on the big exercise. This is flu season – no illness reported in the State – good vaccine this year – are perfect matches for the strains. Friday Nov 5 – flu clinic at St. Helens Senior Center – 10 to 2 and then on to Clatskanie... Vaccinations are \$10 this year.

Senior Center – Dana Jester reported that our real hope here is that we have a good corps group – working to get a hand held defibrillator – we do have 4 wheels lined up to deliver meals on wheels if we have bad weather – we do go out and give 4 or 5 days food. Want to work with all of you here --- and we've been looking at animals, in the event of an evacuation.

Next meeting December 7 at Dyno Nobel, 10 a.m. Guest speaker is Les Miller from the Corps of Engineers and Columbia River PUD is bringing treats and door prizes.