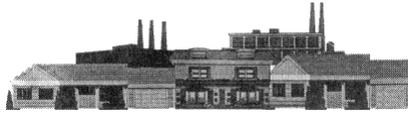


KANAWHA PUTNAM EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



Managing our Risk Together

General Committee Meeting

January 27, 2016
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
South Charleston, WV

C.W. Sigman, Chair called the KPEPC General Membership Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Faith Borden moved that the minutes of the December 9, 2015, meeting be approved; David Hoge seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

C.W. Sigman explained that at the beginning of a new year, there are changes in the KPEPC officers and committee chair persons. An election of officers for the KPEPC Board of Directors was held at the January 13, 2016, Board of Director's meeting. 2016 Executive Officers are: C.W. Sigman, Chair; Krista Farley Raines, Vice-Chair; Janet Briscoe, Secretary / Treasurer. Officers will serve a term of one (1) year from January to December or until such time as their successor is appointed. The members were provided a list of 2016 KPEPC Board of Directors as well as a KPEPC Committees with Committee Chair assignments (attached). C.W. encouraged members to participate by serving on a committee.

Attendees introduced themselves and gave the name of their company / organization.

Program: Update of the Bluestone Dam Project

Presenter: Jim Schray and Ed Stowasser

Jim Schray reported that the Army Corp of Engineers continue to improve the structures on the Bluestone Dam. Jim provided details of the construction update, the future plans for improvement, and the possible non-breach risk. Jim stated that the National Weather Service as well as the Army Corp of Engineers, continue to emphasize that the structures at the Bluestone Dam are flood control structures not flood elimination structures. The water sheds of the Bluestone, Summersville, and Sutton Dams have a direct input on the Kanawha River valley basin and it is only a matter of time that an extreme water event will occur. The structural design of the Bluestone Dam includes emergency spillways to control the flow of water and maintain the structural integrity.

Jim reported that the purpose of the Bluestone Dam Safety Assurance Phase 2B was to upgrade the stability of dam. Additional rock anchors were installed as deep as 275 feet, in close proximity of the adjacent anchors. The Modification Phase 2 involved installation of 54 additional anchors. A steel platform was constructed on the spillway to support anchor operations. Work

was then performed on the gallery and in the apron of the spillway. Relief drains minimize uplift pressure on the dam. Gallery work included cleaning 275 existing drains by enlarging the drain diameters. Apron work was performed from barges located in the stilling basin downstream of the dam. Existing relief drains tied to a drainage network were extended up to 25 feet at 49 locations.

Jim discussed the scenario of a catastrophic event and its effect on the operation of the dam. If a major flood event occurred like recently hit Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, it would result in a catastrophic failure of the dam and would affect communities as far as Pt. Pleasant. The probability of a catastrophic event like this occurring is less than 1 percent over a 90-150 year time frame. The Bluestone Dam could be required to pass more than 3 million gallons of water per second. There would be a significant threat to life and property. The Army Corps monitors and provides advanced warning to West Virginia officials.

The information that Jim provided was very informative and provided the KPEPC membership with continuing progress that is being made on the dam by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. People need to be made aware of potential threats in their communities for future preparedness and planning.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Chair

C.W. Sigman

C.W. Sigman introduced the new Administrator for the KPEPC, Brad Stewart. Brad reported that is was former firefighter for Charleston Fire Department (CFD) and had considerable experience in emergency services roles. He has been a public education / information officer as well as performed training with industrial firefighters from local chemical plants.

Vice Chair:

Krista Farley

No Report.

Secretary/Treasurers Report:

Janet Briscoe

Janet Briscoe provided the members with the December 2015 Financial Report. Janet explained the budget details and provided balances to all KPEPC accounts

Janet reported that the Jacque Gumm will be mailing out the 2016 KPEPC contribution letters during the first quarter of 2016. As contributions are received, the KPEPC City National Bank checking account balance will increase.

KPEPC Committees / Committee Chairs

Business, Membership & Community Outreach

Faith Borden

Communication Systems Committee
Drill Planning, Exercise & Training
Finance Committee
Hazard Assessment, Planning & Mutual Resources
Plan Implementation & Evaluation

John Dearnell; Nanci Keenan
Chris Gautier
Janet Briscoe
Keith Vititoe
Tim McDaniel

C.W. Sigman reported that the committee chairs are new in their positions and are in the planning process. Each of the committee chair introduced themselves, identifying some 2016 goals for their committees. The committee chairs asked for assistance from the membership.

C.W. Sigman announced that Joann Fleming, the Disaster Coordinator for the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources is retiring January 29, 2016. Joanne has worked diligently in connecting people in disasters with mental health services and worked to have WV VOAD organized. A retirement covered dish lunch will be held for Joann on Friday, January 29th starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Diamond building. You are invited to attend and help Joann celebrate her retirement.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.