

Valdez Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2011

I. Call to order

Susan Whitefeather called to order the regular meeting of the **Valdez Local Emergency Planning Committee** at **12:05 p.m.** on **June 15, 2011** in the **Providence Valdez Medical Center Conference Room.**

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: George Keeney, Susan Whitefeather, Colleen Price, John Engles, Ethan Smith, Bertha O'Brien, Dorothy Taylor, Robert Rountree, Christine Sedillo, James McIntyre and Amber Burton.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Susan Whitefeather moved to approve the minutes from April 21, 2011; Robert Rountree seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the committee with no opposition or discussion.

IV. Open issues

- a) Japanese Reactor: John Engles introduced himself and presented a PowerPoint he created regarding the Japanese Reactor situation. Topics that were covered included the following:
- Isotopes of concern
 - Plate tectonics in Japan
 - Location of the Fukushima Plant
 - Reactor meltdowns and release of radioactive products into the ocean
 - Size of exclusion zone
 - Seasonal variations of major global wind patterns
 - Possible radiation dispersion model
 - Locations of passive radiation monitors
 - Potential impact of situation on Alaska
 - Plate tectonics in Alaska

John responded to questions proposed by committee members on an individual basis.

- b) Medical Reserve Corp (MRC): George Keeney spoke with City Manager, John Hozey about implementing an MRC. George indicated that the MRC has funds of \$5000 available through the State of Alaska for our community. He indicated that he would need to get approval from the City Council to implement the MRC. If all goes well, George will have an MRC list available by the end of the summer.

- c) PIO Training Date: George Keeney stated that the training has been rescheduled to July and he will have a firm date at the next meeting.
- d) Emergency Preparedness: George Keeney informed the committee that he has been giving Ready Alaska presentations to organizations within the committee. He directed committee members to contact him if they wanted a presentation for their organization or knew of any organizations that would like one.

George indicated that he has teamed up with Safeway to help people slowly gather items needed for their home emergency preparedness kits. Safeway will be doing an end display in the store with a select number of emergency preparedness kit items each week. George suggested that people test their personal kits during the Alaska Shield 2012 exercise.

V. New business

- a) New LEPC Logo: Amber presented the new logo she created and requested feedback from the committee. Committee members approved the new logo for use in place of the currently utilized logo.

VI. Adjournment

Susan Whitefeather adjourned the meeting at **1:10 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Amber Burton

Minutes approved by: Valdez LEPC