

State of Arkansas Emergency Response Commission

August 14, 2020

Minutes

The State Emergency Response Commission met via Zoom August 14, 2020 at 09:04 a.m.

Members Present via Zoom:

Capt. Jason Morris Holiday Island Fire Service
Chris Foreman, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen, Benton County OEM
Shirley Louie, Arkansas Dept. of Health
Stephen Ratley, ADEQ
A.J. Gary, ADEM
Capt. Ross Batson, Arkansas Highway Police

Members Absent:

Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Academy
Skot Covert, AOS
Steve Eggenesperger
Capt. Keith Eremea, Arkansas State Police
LTC. Michael Washington, 61st CST, AR ARNG
Matthew Scott, Deputy Coroner Pope County
Kevin Looney, Arkansas Dept. of Labor

Others Present:

Latryce Fuller, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jason Morris. Mr. Morris asked if there was any old business. No old business to discuss.

New Business:

Due to COVID-19, ADEM's Training Branch was trying to find a different method of teaching. In their research, they have found that the Center of Domestic Preparedness course AWR-358DL mirrors the material that ADEM's Training Branch has been using. This course is offered online and the student is tested at the conclusion of the training. ADEM is requesting for SERC's approval to use Center of Domestic Preparedness course AWR-358DL online course are

ADEM's current HazMat Awareness be accepted for HazMat Awareness Certification. Motion to accept the proposal by Robert McGowen. Second by Shirley Louie. Motion was voted on by members and the motion was unanimously passed.

Due to COVID-19, ADEM's Training Branch is requesting that a year extension be given on the expiration date for HazMat continuing education recertifications. Motion to accept the proposal by Robert McGowen Second by Stephen Ratley. Motion was voted on by members and the motion was unanimously passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert McGowen. Second by Stephen Ratley and the motion was unanimously passed. .

Meeting was adjourned.