

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

October 7, 2014

Present:

Joe Errante	CERT/ARES and RACES
Diane Dillard	CRFR/Chamber/Sacagawea Health Center
Anne Parrott	Columbia County Public Health
Jay Tappan	CRFR
Kristin Rasmussen	Office of Suzanne Bonamici
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Brandon Gimper	Global Partners/Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery
Craig Ashenfelter	Portland & Western Railroad
Brad Landers	Portland & Western Railroad
Brian Little	NW Innovation Works
Mike Greisen	Fire Chief - Scappoose
Monique Oliver	Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Brianne Mares	CCMH
Juli Knapp	CCMH
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific
Jackie Lomsdal	Dyno Nobel
Marge Murphy	Private citizen
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Greg Hinkelman	Clatskanie City Manager
Willie Bence	American Red Cross
Cindy Becker	CERT
Quinton Harold	OHSU
Ray Murphy	ARES/RACES
David Hill	Columbia County Road Department
Paul Taylor	AUX Com
Joe Smith	NW Innovation Works – Vice President
Vee Godley	NW Innovation Works - President
Dennis Copeland	Politics and Legislative Affairs Director, UA Local 290
Michael Bender	Portland General Electric
Thomas Lindmark	PGE Beaver Plant
Alicia Kahl	Dyno Nobel
Yvette Shephard	Oregon State Police
Rachael Barry-Dame	Brad Witt Office
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Chuck Daughtry	Columbia County Economic Team
Malcolm Hiatt	Oregon Department of Forestry
Greg Peden	Gallatin PA, PR for NWIW
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Brian Little	NW Innovation Works

Terry Wolfe
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Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
Columbia County emergency management

Jay called the meeting to order at 10:03. Thanks to NW Innovation Works for treats and door prizes.

Guest Speaker – Vee Godley was our guest speaker – introduced by Brian Little. Vee heads up a new company NW Innovation Works, formed about a year ago and they are in the process of building three methanol plants in the Northwest – “local investment and global investment with multi-national partners.

Vee shared the investors are: CCEC, Dalian Xizhong Island Petrochemical Park Co. Ltd and other investors. They will build three plants – one at the Port of Tacoma, one at Port of Kalama and one at Port Westward.

Their motto is the “Double Green Bridge” meaning it has economic value and environmental responsibility – moving from traditional technology to something that gives even greater improvement.

The Pacific Northwest was chosen because of natural deep harbors, adjacent to gas pipelines and brownfield sites. The majority of methanol plants in the United States are located in the Gulf of Mexico. The product will be exported to Asia and China where it will be used to produce olefin.

Olefin is used in many products and we are improving the olefin value chain by changing feedstock from coal and oil to natural gas. We have no need for rail or major roads. There are two phases – first construct which takes about 2—1/2 years to build and we have a \$1.8 billion capital investment with 1,000 construction jobs and 200 permanent family-wage jobs.

By-products of the process are heated water and the Port has the infrastructure we need – we are going through the permitting process which takes up to 18 months and modeling comes first then submitting permits, answering questions and time for public comment. Should be starting construction in 2015 with completion in 2018. Our output is 3.2 million metric tons per year. We also have a highly trained and skilled workforce in the area and have signed MOU's with trades people.

Northwest Natural Gas has a nearby pipeline and there is a tremendous amount of natural gas available. We are looking at hiring locally and ECO Northwest has been hired to help us through this process. These are technical jobs – well paying.

Methanol is harmful if you drink it.....but it is also biodegradable and water soluble – it is not explosive although it is flammable.

The dock at Port Westward is being modified and they are working closely with the current user. They would expect a ship every 5-10 days which would load and leave. Pat Trapp from the Port of St. Helens, said they are adding mooring and berth upgrades to dock as well as extending it 295 feet. Berth 2 is also being strengthened by adding trusses and will extend about 700 feet when complete.

The shipping is done by international shipping companies. Will follow the rules of “foreign flag ships” – crews will not be getting off unless there is an emergency. Methanol has been shipped up and down the Columbia River for years.

For more information or if you have questions you can go to their website www.nwinnovationworks.com.

Greg Hinkelman added he was fortunate to have made the trip to China to hear about the business proposal and learned a lot – especially that the Chinese are aggressively addressing the issue of pollution...in the US it took us nearly a generation to clean up environmental issues from industrial revolution – it is now happening abroad. They intend to use olefin to lessen pollution and improve cleanup.

Chuck Daughtry noted that this is a significant investment for our county – the tax dollars will return revenue to the area and should lead to a very positive impact. Earl Fisher added just think Columbia County now is valued at \$4.2 billion – and this \$1.8 billion investment is almost 50% of what we already have – it should produce an immediate fusion of dollars to taxing districts.

Looking ahead – annual meeting in December – next board meeting December 2, 9 a.m

The business meeting followed with agency reports.

Agency Reports

OSFM – Terry Wolfe – we are coming to the end of a very busy fire season. There are multiple staff members attending the OEMA conference this week. They are providing a presentation and panel discussion to confirm the changes with the new administrative rules for SERC/LEPC and planning district changes. We are now getting notices of HMEP grant awards. SFM Walker has appointed Mariana Ruiz-Temple as the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal. We will now be looking to fill the position of Emergency Planning and Response Branch Manager vacated by Ruiz-Temple.

ODF – Malcolm – they are summarizing data from the fires this year – some of which crossed county and state lines. Columbia County has now taken off public restrictions on campfires but the logging industry still is abiding by the rule. Humidity levels are rising after some of the lowest in our history. The Scoggins Creek Fire had the potential of turning into another “Tillamook Burn.”. Reminder there has been a cougar sighting in Columbia City and there is a direct link of trails to Trestle Beach.

Columbia Co. – Tony reported HMSEC has been actively meeting and is noting need to strengthen our Citizen Corps. EMPG grant money has dwindled. RDPO – Clackamas, Columbia, Washington and Multnomah Counties are circulating the contract for signatures. Earl reported the third bomb threat occurred yesterday at the courthouse and that has been in the last six weeks. Need to make sure plans are place to address this.

City of Clatskanie – we thank the GP Wauna mill for their generous donation of an old emergency vehicle which will be converted to a mobile rig. We are also grateful for the response by CRF&R to our structure fire last week in downtown Clatskanie – and yes, we support your levy – you need new gaskets!

Port of St. Helens – Pat reminded people that we are going to see a lot of low water in October – be careful for submerged objects. We are replacing bridge over culvert to the walking trail at the marina. We received a call of possible algae contamination at Trestle Beach and so be observant – stay away and report immediately. Renovation continues at Multnomah Industrial park – and filming will continue at the Old Winner’s Circle off the Old Portland Road. Thanks to emergency responders who came to aid us during the protest at Port Westward. Global has received permits – for unit train capability. We are

disseminating daily information to emergency responders on rail line activity. There were no more than unit trains coming through county on a monthly basis.

CERT – Cindy noted they participated in a team exercise on cribbing

Food Bank – Monique said they are gearing up for holiday fundraising and food distribution.

Public Health – Anne said September was National Preparedness Month and she said they sponsored four outreach activities including a great one with Fred Meyer's. She is participating in Citizens Corps and glad to say they are now a 501©3.

OHSU – Quinton reported that Kate Pillar is new manager – they are continuing to work on expansion plans including creating 35 exam rooms – should be done by September 2015.

Armstrong – Beth – was appreciative of CERT Team training with their employees – they will hold a fire drill in October. Now have 180 safe work days.

GP – Kristi – they held fire drills last month which was quite an accomplishment considering they included 400 employees participating – They kicked off Unite Way campaign – goal is \$170,000. Thanks to Tony for his patience during their recent filming project.

PUD – Kevin Owens reminded folks not to procrastinate on getting emergency preparedness kits ready. At the PUD they have completed preparedness plans for winter outages. This is Public Power Week – there are 2000 consumer owned facilities in the nation. Tonight is the Customer Appreciation Dinner. He encouraged us to read about the PUD history starting back in 1939.

Ray Murphy – he retired from the Army working with explosive and hazardous materials. He recently attended a class that was for first responders and suggested our local responders might also find this training very beneficial. If your agency is interested in participating – call him at _____

OSP – Yvette her concern is ebola..are we prepared. I am flying to Texas. She gave an overview of the response to protestors at Port Westward...and she added find that kind of bike lock - 45,000# of pressure to remove it!

Public Health – Anne needed to give another update because she realized that so many of us need to know about ebola and entrovirus68. She assured us that mumps measles and whooping cough are a whole bunch more contagious than ebola. Symptoms are high fever, diarrhea, sweats. Her colleagues at Public Health are getting prepared and have attended meetings – OHSU will be the regional hospital. They already have a plan plus have exercised it. The worst concern she has is Entrovirus68..that is now affecting 3-5 year olds who have a compromised immune system especially those with asthma. The other caution – if you have a child who complains of weakness in arms, legs – DO NOT WAIT TO GET TO YOUR LOCAL PHYSICIAN TAKE THEM TO HOSPITAL.. There are now 478 cases confirmed.

Scappoose Fire – Mike said they have been working on emergency preparedness – and in their open house in Chapman they had 72 people!

Columbia County Road Department – Dave Hill reported they finished work on JP West Bridge and it is now open – plus more work on Shafer Road Bridge – they will be replacing Courr??? Creek Bridge next year. They have put a lot of asphalt down this year with the good weather.

Media – Don P. said it's the middle of the political campaign – they filter out “patently libel stuff” but other than that you will read a lot of stuff – so make sure you understand who is writing.

Bonamici's office – she is glad to be here and they attended the Oregon Resiliency training – and willing to hear of concerns.

Red Cross – Willie reported that his organization is working with local fire departments to install smoke detectors. Responded to fires in Estacada and Forest Grove.

CCET – Chuck said there is great news in that Clearwater Manufacturing will be opening a ductile pipe manufacturing facility – we are all invited to open house October 30 at 11:30 a.m

Dyno Nobel – Alicia reported they are installing new control rooms – and preparing for the big 2015 outage/maintenance – begins on August 16 and ends in October 2015

Marge Murphy – member of Deer island Grange who is working with PUD on the spaghetti feed – whoops they had a “water issue” at the fairgrounds yesterday

CCMH – Briane and Juli reported that they are providing education on suicide prevention – it is definitely a need for first responders. They have training on October 21-22-23 – call 503 397 5211 x 217 if you want the training for your agency

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 4, 10 a.m. at the 911 Center and guest speakers will be from Columbia County Food Bank – not sure who is bringing treats and door prizes