Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Horace Sessions at 12:10.

Minutes Review & Approval – Motions to approve the November 14th, 2019 minutes were made and seconded.

Treasurer’s Report – LEPC’s current balance is $726.79 (unchanged).

Exercises and Training Announcements: Western Colorado Community College has scheduled two 40-hour OSHA 1910.120 Hazwoper courses March 2-6 and April 27-May 1st, 2020. For more info: Office Number: 970-255-2800, E-mail: cec@coloradomesa.edu

Community Hospital is planning a “mass casualty” exercise in Feb. 2020.

Old Business:
The Mesa County Safety Fair, sponsored by the Safety Council, will be held Wednesday and Thursday Feb. 26 and 27, 2020, 9:30 to 3:30, at Mesa Mall. Several members volunteered to help staff the LEPC booth, with schedule to be determined. Several good ideas for providing a better “hands-on” experience for students were discussed, with further development planned after the new year.

We discussed the rationale and requirements for applying for the Mesa County LEPC to become an IRS 501(c)(3) entity, which would provide better options for corporate donations to support emergency planning. The recommendation from the CEPP (Colorado Emergency Planning Partnership) is that Mesa County should work with nearby counties (Garfield, Delta, Montrose) to form a regional LEPC that could become a 501(c)(3) entity. Southwest Colorado has a regional LEPC, and may be a good resource for advice.

New Business:
We discussed the topic of facilities providing SDS’s to local hospitals to keep on file in the event an employee reports to the ER following an injury caused by contact with hazardous materials. There was general agreement that searching for those files would not be a priority for staff when presented with a patient, and it’s more practical for facilities to provide that information to EMS at the time of an incident.

Presentation: Ben Hoffman, Ute Water Treatment Superintendent, Presentation on new regulatory requirements required for compliance with America’s Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), which requires a comprehensive Risk & Resiliency Assessment as well as a new Emergency Response Plan.

Next meeting’s Presentation: To be determined…

Adjournment: at 1:00 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, January 9th, 2019 -- noon
American Red Cross Annex, 506 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO