• CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS- Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

• PUBLIC COMMENT- None

• APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES- Motion to approve by Gavin Dinnel. Motion was seconded by Wendy Couture. All in favor, minutes approved.

• SELECTION OF LEPC VICE-CHAIRPERSON - Brian VanCamp asked for any suggestions on nominations for a Vice-Chairperson. Gavin Dinnel volunteered for the position. A motion was made to support the nomination of Gavin Dinnel as the LEPC Chairperson by Brock Williams. Motion was seconded by Patrick Knouff.

• EPCRA TIER TWO REPORTING UPDATE- Diane Fowler from WA Department of Ecology reported that Tier Two Reports are due March 1st and are coming in from businesses now. Once the reports are created and collected, the data for Washington will then be forwarded on to the LEPC. There have been changes to the chemical hazard categories on the report this year. There was a delay in reporting this year due to a problem with the chemical table. A message was sent last Friday, January 22, 2021, that everything was fixed. Information is sent to businesses about EPCRA reporting to know what the reporting criteria is. It is ultimately up to the businesses to understand the rules and regulations. Outreach is done as much as possible. Don’t know what the true scale of EPCRA reporting is without going door to door. Dept. of Ecology will help with compliance, but reporting enforcement falls under the purview of EPA.

• REVIEW & UPDATE LEPC MEMBERSHIP LIST- list reviewed and suggestions updated.

• REVIEW OF LEPC BY-LAWS- last updated in August 2019. Copy will be sent out to everyone along with the Meeting Minutes, to allow everyone to review them prior to the next meeting.

• HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE PLAN REVIEW- The question of updating the plan came up based on a belief of schedule of reviews and revisions, so at that time the LEPC agreed to send the current version of the document to the Fire Chiefs Association Operating Chiefs Group. A committee was established among the Operating chiefs to review the document and propose some edits and updates. John Kalar provided a high-level summary of what has been done. A draft copy will be sent out to everyone with the Meeting Minutes and the By-Laws. At the next meeting or prior to the next meeting, these items will be reviewed. John also made mention of a HIRL (High Incident Response Load). A HIRL is generally called as a result of a widespread weather event, or a large fire, where a lot of traffic needs to be dispersed to the local Fire Dept. In a HIRL Phase, each agency will be basically acting as their own smaller call reception and dispatching service because of the large number of calls that may be generated by the event. The Hazardous Materials Response Plan was designed to
provide standard guidance to all the departments in the county and generally the fire service ends up responding initially.

- **THURSTON REGION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE** - No discussion

- **SERC UPDATE-WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPT** - Annie Merritt reported that planning has begun for the 20th Annual Hazmat Conference and Workshop. In addition, going to also be doing the LEPC Tribal Conference via a virtual platform. Surveys were sent out regarding each conference, as far as what are the best types of formats to use and what type of training/presentations you want to see. Both conferences are in April and will run through May 7th. As soon as the training has been formalized, a Save the Date will be sent out, probably in the next couple weeks. Following the Save the Date will come the Registration Process and more information about the scheduled training and the associated dates. Looking at two to four hours times frames for each session. Chief Bill Whalen officially retired as the SERC Chair. Chief Mike Harris has been the acting Chair. At the next SERC meeting, Patrick Reed will be nominated as the Chair. Biggest thing at the SERC is to look at how to better support LEPC's and creating a bigger connection between the two. In December, LEPC's participated in a statewide survey. Those results are being compiled together in order to assess how the SERC can help support the LEPC's across the state.

- **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT REVIEW FROM DEPT OF ECOLOGY** - Alison Meyers reported that Spill Responders are on call 24/7/365. Whenever there is a spill of oil or other hazardous materials that impact the waters of the state, notification is received by either the public, other local resources, Coast Guard, or EPA. Dept. of Ecology get notified for concerns to WA State Environment and/or the Health & Safety of the community. Alison Meyers provided a summary of the types and number of spills that have been received in Thurston County since the last meeting. Last quarter had a total of 42 incidents, most of which were oil incidents. There were fewer non-oil incidents last quarter, which include anything from hazardous materials, sewage spills, wastewater spills, fish kills and water bodies. There was only one drug lab incident involving a marijuana grow. There were two Vessel incidents, those are separated out because they often have the biggest environmental impact, due to a large amount of fuel or oil being directly spilled into the water.

- **COOPERATING LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT** - Opportunity to do a Roundtable Report. Brian VanCamp took a moment to thank the School districts that were in attendance and stressed the importance of keeping in contact with them and keeping them in the loop for the community emergency response, since they are now taking on a new mission. Reid Wolcott informed that the Weather Service office in Seattle is in the process of spinning up a bespoke hazmat support program. This is in response to several incidents that have happened in Western Washington over the last couple of year, including the train derailment in Whatcom County in December. The NWS is actively trying to become more engaged in the community and the LEPC’s and exercises. Reid mentioned that NWS is here to support any weather needs or dispersion needs for hazmat incidents in Thurston County. Cherie Nevin took time to talk about Cascadia Rising 2022, which will be held June 13-16, 2022. March 1, 2021, agencies are required to have their Extent of Play Agreements in for the exercise. Right now, the County is looking at what our role is going to be in this, how many days we are going to participate and at what level we will be participating. Would like to get the LEPC involved in the process, as possible a coordinating group. As more information is received, it will be distributed out through the LEPC. Brian VanCamp personally encouraged everybody to participate to the extent that they can. Annie Merritt mentioned that there is supposed to be a component for a Spill of National Significance. A couple of areas have been mentioned as to where it will be, up North more towards Seattle of more South towards Vancouver and the Columbia River. This is a great connection for the LEPC to be aware of.
• **NEXT MEETING**- April 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

• **ADJOURNMENT**- Brian VanCamp made a motion to adjourn.