



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

January 24, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Barton County Courthouse
Conference Room
Great Bend, KS 67530

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Amy Miller at 10:03 a.m.

2. Introduction of Members

Chairman Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all of those individuals present introduce themselves and describe their agency/affiliation. Members and guests were also asked to sign the Record of Attendance.

Members Present:

- Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS
- Phil Hathcock, Barton County Solid Waste, Manager
- Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer
- Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
- Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
- Dr. William King, Retired
- Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
- Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport
- Dale Phillips, Barton County Road & Bridge, Director
- Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital
- Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, Director
- Julie Smith, United Way of Central Kansas
- Steve Webster, KVGB-KHOK, News Director

Guests Present:

- Andrew Fullerton, Bartlett Grain Co.
- Deb Tucker, American Red Cross
- Michael Crough, American Red Cross Volunteer
- Lucas Stoelting, Barton Community College
- Jan Watkins, Central Kansas Family Practice

Guests Present but not signing Record of Attendance:

Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
Jacque Norez, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
Shelbi Trarbach, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the October 4, 2016 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the October 4, 2016 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from October 4, 2016.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Julie Smith

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, informed the committee members present that the bylaws require the committee to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Nominations would be accepted from the floor.

Action: To elect Amy Miller as Chairperson and Doug Hubbard as the Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2017 year.

Motion: Jane Schepmann

Second: Shelly Schneider

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4A. Bartlett Grain Facility

Andrew Fullerton, Origination Manager, provided information on operations of the Bartlett Grain Facility east of Great Bend. The facility, as part of their safety program was designed so that employees do not have to enter bins to handle grain. Fullerton explained that their employees are still trained on Confined Space procedures as well as grain engulfment. Safety training has included having the University of Kansas engulfment trailer on site to provide training with local fire departments and Bartlett has donated rescue tubes to the Great Bend and Ellinwood Fire Departments.

Fullerton explained that the grain is shipped approximately 50% by truck and 50% by rail. The facility currently has 5 – 500,000 bushel steel bins, 2 - 50,000 bushel steel bins, and 2 million bushels in flat storage. They currently are adding an additional 2.3 million bushel capacity in steel bins that are to be completed before the summer of 2017. The facility currently only accepts wheat and sorghum. Fullerton also discussed the chemicals that are utilized by the facility to treat grain.

Individuals could possibly be contaminated with the chemicals and representatives from the Ellinwood District Hospital and Clinic were interested to learn about the presence of the chemicals. Fullerton encouraged them to contact him for further information regarding the chemicals.

5. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2017

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, announced that Severe Weather Awareness Week has been scheduled for March 6-10, 2017. The weather safety presentation by the National Weather Service in Wichita, will be on March 9 at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The presentation will be on Thursday evening this year due to scheduling conflicts with another county. The Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for March 7 at 10:00 a.m..

6. Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)

Amy Miller, Chairman, discussed the 2017-2019 Barton County Exercise calendar. Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, informed the group about an ESF 8 Tabletop exercise that is being held on February 24, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Hoisington Activity Center. Although the scenario is Ebola, the actions needed to respond should also apply to other infectious diseases. Schneider said that hospitals, volunteer groups and law enforcement were among those invited to participate. Any LEPC member is also welcome to attend.

7. Training Opportunities

Chairman Miller announced that there would be an Intermediate Incident Command – G300 class on March 9-10 at the Hoisington Activity Center. The next week there will be an Advanced Incident Command Course – G400 on March 16-17. Individuals can register online at <https://ks.train.org> for the classes. In addition there will be a Regional Fire School on May 6 and 7 at Hoisington High School. Contact person for the class is Jerry Stricker, Hoisington Fire Chief.

Miller asked members if there were any training opportunities that anyone wanted to announce. Schneider announced the ESF 8 Symposium in Wichita on March 8. Further details and registration information are at <https://ks.train.org>.

8. Reports from Members

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked if any members had any reports.

Deb Tucker, American Red Cross, discussed the number to call for assistance after home fires and other disasters – 844-334-7569. She commented that American Red Cross (ARC) is not an emergency responder agency. The ARC does not respond to disasters, the ARC responds when requested by emergency responders and emergency managers. Tucker noted that there is a need for volunteers in Barton County and if anyone is interested in being a volunteer to go to www.redcross.org and select "Volunteer" at the top of the page.

9. Other Business and Public Comments

There were none offered by the members at this time.

10. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

The next meeting date has been suggested for either April 18 or April 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Great Bend, Kansas. Final date to be sent to members at a later time.

11. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the January 24, 2017 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Brittney Glenn

Second: Doug Hubbard

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approved: April 25, 2017
Amy J. Glenn