



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**October 4, 2016**

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 10:02 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
- Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
- Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
- Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Department
- Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
- Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport
- Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital
- Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, Director
- Julie Smith, United Way of Central Kansas

Guests Present:

- Jan Peters, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development
- Deb Tucker, American Red Cross
- Lucas Stoelting, Barton Community College
- Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood Hospital and Clinic
- Cassie Stevenson, Ellinwood Hospital and Clinic

### **3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the July 12, 2016 Meeting**

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the July 12, 2016 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from July 12, 2016.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Chris Komarek

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

### **4. Great Bend Transload Facility**

Jan Peters, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, President and CEO, gave a presentation on the Great Bend Transload Facility that is in the process of being built at the Great Bend Industrial Park west of the city of Great Bend. Peters described transload as the moving of goods from one mode of transportation to another, such as from truck to rail and rail to truck. With the location of the facility at the Great Bend Industrial Park, there is also the option for freight to be transported utilizing the Great Bend Airport.

Partners in the project are a mixture of public and private, and include the Kansas Department of Transportation, Watco Companies (K&O Railroad), the City of Great Bend, Sherwood Construction, the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Fuller Industries. Peters noted that a positive outcome of the transload facility is that it will allow heavy materials/equipment to be moved by rail instead of on highways which in turn should help to preserve the highways in Kansas.

Industries that are expected to utilize the facility are wind energy, cement, pipe, lumber, heavy equipment, chemicals, canned goods, oil related products, construction materials, and dimensional loads. Peters went on to say that pits for aggregate will be constructed at the facility and are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Peters finished her presentation by stating that as of the LEPC meeting, the facility is expected to be up and running by March 2017.

### **5. Request to Publish Public Notice**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, informed the committee that it was important to provide information about extremely hazardous substances that are manufactured, stored, and used within the county. In order to inform citizens about hazardous substances, the Barton County LEPC normally publishes a public notice once per year which meets the requirements of Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act on how to access this information. Miller suggested that a public notice be published on November 2 in the Great Bend Tribune. Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune publisher, abstained from voting.

Action: To approve Public Notice for publication in the Great Bend Tribune on November 2, 2016.

Motion: Doug Hubbard

Second: Shelly Schneider

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

## **6. Membership of LEPC**

Chairman Miller asked the committee about recruiting membership from schools. It was suggested that maybe a contact should initially be made with the school boards for a school board member, STUCO for a student rep and possibly speaking with the school nurses. Other suggested groups to recruit for membership included RSVP, Eldercare, Young Professionals.

Miller also mentioned that she was working on a shorter membership application which was met with positive comments from members.

## **7. Decision Support Services**

Miller discussed that the National Weather Service Office in Wichita is available to work with public safety officials to provide site-specific forecasts for special events. The forecasts would be available to provide public safety for large concentrations of people during events.

Examples of such special events in Barton County include the Hoisington Labor Day celebration and the Ellinwood After Harvest Festival. In addition, Committee members suggested that Miller contact Christina Hayes with the City of Great Bend to discuss the services.

## **8. Training Opportunities**

Chairman Miller asked members if there were any training opportunities that anyone wanted to announce. There were no announcements by any of the members.

## **9. Reports from Members**

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

Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital, reported that she will be making a presentation to the South Central Hospital Emergency Preparedness group on purchasing equipment for fit testing. It is the hospital's intention to provide the equipment to other organizations in the county that need to have staff fit tested. Shelly Schneider mentioned that the Barton County Health Department has testing equipment that is also available.

Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, provided members with a copy of the 2016-2017 Public Health Emergency Preparedness local health department work plan.

Deb Tucker, American Red Cross, mentioned that ARC has developed a Home Fire Campaign that might be of interest to volunteer groups in Barton County. The program will be available again next year and she will forward a flyer on the program to Miller that can then be forwarded to members.

## **10. Other Business and Public Comments**

Martin Miller suggested a program on drones for the January meeting.

**11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC**

The next meeting date has been suggested for January 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Great Bend, Kansas.

**12. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the October 4, 2016 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Julie Smith

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Approved: January 24, 2017  
Amy A. Miller