



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**April 29, 2019**

2:00 p.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 2:07 p.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: Kelly Bachar, UKHS – Great Bend Campus  
Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant  
Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic  
Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer  
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department  
Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services  
Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Department, Fire Chief  
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
Dennis Neeland, Great Bend COOP  
Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital

Guests Present: Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department  
Sean Kelly, Barton County Engineering, Kansas IMT  
Luke Fall, Southern Star Pipeline

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the January 29, 2019 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the January 29, 2019 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from January 29, 2019.

Motion: Don Halbower

Second: Lindsey Bogner

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

#### **4. Southern Star Pipeline**

Amy Miller, Chairman, introduced Luke Fall, Operations Leader, Lyons District, Southern Star Central Gas Line. Fall stated that Southern Star wanted their personnel to meet with local officials and emphasize the importance of the 811 System. Fall also described how local officials could help the pipeline in the event of a pipeline emergency, such as help with traffic control from law enforcement and the county Road and Bridge department. Of particular interest to committee members was the information that the pipeline has pressure sensors, and that shut-offs are located every 5 to 6 miles along the pipeline. Fall handed out a map of the pipeline location in Barton County and stated that John Wolf would be the local contact for the pipeline.

#### **5. South Kansas, Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update**

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, informed the committee members that the Regional Mitigation Plan update for Region E would get underway with a kickoff meeting on May 23, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pawnee County Courthouse, Courthouse Lounge, 715 Broadway, Larned, Kansas. The Mitigation Plan is required to be updated every 5 years. As part of the update, mitigation actions by all planning partners are reviewed and updated as part of the process. Miller explained that participation in the Mitigation Plan allowed partners to apply for mitigation grant money which is available after a Federal Disaster declaration within the state.

#### **6. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2019**

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, discussed activities from Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 4-8, 2019. Miller reported there were approximately 200 attendees at the annual Storm Fury on the Plains presentation NWS Office in Wichita. Storm Fury was held at the Crest Theater in Great Bend. Miller mentioned that the cost of utilizing the Crest Theater has nearly doubled over the 2018 rates. Members made suggestions on alternative venues for the public safety program.

#### **7. Report on Tier II Reporting Facilities**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, presented a list of Tier II reports that have been received for the LEPC annual reporting requirements. A list of the companies reporting was distributed to members. Approximately 102 companies have reported in calendar year 2019.

#### **8. Training Opportunities**

Amy Miller, discussed the Emergency Livestock Management workshop that is scheduled for April 30 in Great Bend. She mentioned that there were other dates in May that the training would be offered across the state.

Miller asked if any other members had training opportunities to announce.

Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire/EMS, said that Region III EMS would be doing Stop the Bleed training on June 12, at Great Bend Fire Department, Station 1.

McCormick also announced that members of the Great Bend Fire/EMS Department would be attending water rescue training as part of a Homeland Security grant project for the South Central Kansas Homeland Security Regional Council. McCormick commented that the Great Bend Fire/EMS department currently has the only certified dive team west of I-35.

Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, discussed upcoming changes in the South Central Healthcare Coalition grant leadership.

Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department, and Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital, talked about the North Central Kansas Ancillary Healthcare Preparedness Summit training on May 14 in Salina. Registration information is available on KS-Train.

## **9. Reports from Members**

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

Lindsey Bogner announced that that the Barton County ESF 8 group would be meeting on May 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Great Bend Public Library.

Shelly Schneider informed members that during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 27, co-sponsored by the Barton County Sheriff's Office and the Barton County Health Department, they took back a total of 313 pounds of drugs. In addition, on May 4, the Health Department would be providing Tdap immunizations from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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

No members reported other business and there were no public comments.

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

The next meeting date will be in July. Final date to be announced later.

## **12. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the April 29, 2019 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Dennis Neeland

Second: Lindsey Ensley

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

*Approved: August 27, 2019  
Amy M. Miller*