



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

August 27, 2019

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 10:11 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: Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas
Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management
Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer
Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries LLC
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
Dennis Neeland, Great Bend COOP

Guests Present: Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department
Jim Leftwich, KDEM, South Central Regional Coordinator

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the April 29, 2019 Meeting

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

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

Motion: Don Halbower
Second: Dennis Neeland
Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Annual Review of Emergency Support Function #10 (ESF 10) Oil and Hazardous Materials

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the members that it was time for an annual review of the Emergency Support Function #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials. Members did not have any suggestions for changes, additions or deletions. Miller did tell members about the update to the Kansas Planning Standards that is expected to be adopted later this fall. She explained that there would be an additional mapping feature added to the Kansas Planner System that would allow for mapping capabilities of buffer zones. Jim Leftwich, KDEM, also provided input on the mapping capabilities and training opportunities available after January 1, 2020.

5. Public Messaging

Amy Miller, chairman, asked members what they believed were the sources that Barton County citizens used to get their information concerning emergencies/disasters. Members responded with Facebook, county radio stations, the Great Bend Tribune, Twitter, INAlert (Ellinwood), as well as radio scanners. Members indicated that if Barton County provided information concerning an event, such as the flooding during May 2019, then the information should be pushed out via Facebook, Barton County web page, and news releases to local media. In turn, members indicated that their organizations could then share the information on their Facebook pages and provide the same message. Several members indicated that there would also be individuals who never received information because they are not connected to any medium to receive information. Miller will work to gather contact information for local agencies Facebook pages and/or other public information sources.

6. Letter of Concurrence for Adoption of Barton County Emergency Operations Plan

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, told members that the Barton County Emergency Operations plan was formally adopted by the Board of Barton County Commissioners in March 2019 and that with the revision in the Kansas Planning Standards, she was seeking an official approval to sign a letter of concurrence from the LEPC. The signed concurrence will become part of the Barton County EOP files.

Action: To approve the Letter of Concurrence for the Barton County Emergency Operations Plan and direct the chairman to sign the letter.

Motion: Lindsey Bogner

Second: Judy Goreham

Vote: Carried on Voice Vote

7. Training Opportunities

Miller asked if any members had training opportunities to announce.

Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital, informed members about the ESF 8 exercise that has been planned for ESF 8 members on September 16, 2019. Bogner said the exercise had been designed to meet CMS requirements and would have a Run, Hide, Fight element to it. Participating facilities would be able to select from several options on their level of participation. Bogner will be informing the media of the event.

Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries, discussed a Hazardous Waste Generator Workshop that will be presented by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management in the month of September. The closest workshop will be held in Salina on September 17. McPherson will give the flyer to Chairman Miller to be emailed to members.

8. Reports from Members

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

Gaila Demel, United Way, mentioned that she and Linn Hogg, RSVP/VIA, are planning training for volunteers who will be available to help during emergencies/disasters.

9. Other Business and Public Comments

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

10. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

The next meeting date will be October 22, 2019 at the Barton County Courthouse, Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the August 27, 2019 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Gaila Demel

Second: Lindsey Bogner

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.