



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**November 13, 2018**

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 10:10 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  
Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS  
Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer  
Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher  
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department  
Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Department, Fire Chief  
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital

Guests Present: John Stettinger, Great Bend Fire Department  
Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department  
Sean Kelly, Barton County Engineering  
David Bailey, Great Bend Police Department  
Kenton Doze, Hoisington Police Department

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the August 14, 2018 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the August 14, 2018 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from August 14, 2018.  
Motion: Don Halbower  
Second: Lindsey Bogner  
Vote: Carried on voice vote.

#### **4. Central Kansas Wetlands Subarea Exercise at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the members that she and Sean Kelly, Barton County Engineering, both attended the functional exercise at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge on October 22, 2018. Miller explained to the members about the Central Kansas Wetlands Subarea Contingency Plan, a spill plan for Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira Wildlife Refuge and Cheney Lake. Miller and Kelly described the damage assessment capabilities utilized during the exercise and how the ESRI apps – Collector and Survey123 – could possibly be utilized to document damages after any disaster and submit the information such as photographs, GPS coordinates, time stamp and other information, to a central point for emergency planning and response. Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire/EMS, joined the discussion on information that he had learned at the planning meeting he had attended and thought that the apps would be of benefit to multiple agencies. McCormick announced that the City of Great Bend City Council had approved the purchase of an ESRI license and that he believed the apps would have been useful during the ice storm in January 2017.

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

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the committee that one of the regular items of business has been to publish a public notice once per year to inform citizens about extremely hazardous substances that are manufactured, stored, and used within the county. Miller recommend that a public notice be published on November 20 in the Great Bend Tribune the official county newspaper. Miller told the members that the information is also on the Barton County website.

Action: To approve Public Notice for publication in the Great Bend Tribune on November 20, 2018.  
Motion: Lindsey Bogner  
Second: Luke McCormick  
Vote: Carried on voice vote.  
Mary Hoisington abstained from voting.

#### **6. Membership of LEPC**

Chairman Miller reminded the group that some members would be need to be re-appointed and that she would send out membership applications to them. All members must be formally appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and then their names sent to the Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR) for formal appointment.

Miller asked if there were any suggestions for other disciplines or facilities that should be asked to apply for membership. Members suggested a long term care facility, a school representative and possibly Great Bend Coop Association.

#### **7. ESF 6 - Mass Care, Housing & Human Services**

Chairman Miller stated that a weak area of planning in Barton County is sheltering and mass care. She asked members if there were suggestions of individuals to assist with obtaining MOU's with agencies/facilities with the county for warming/cooling shelters.

Members suggested the following: Kris Thexton - USD 428, Jamie Komarek – St. Joseph's School, Ellinwood, Ben Jacobs – USD 355, Bill Lowrey – UDS 431, Jonathan Mitchell – City of Hoisington, Claflin City Clerk for the Claflin Community Center, and Mark Dean, Barton County College.

Additional agencies to ask would include the American Red Cross, United Way of Central Kansas and RSVP & VIA – Central Kansas.

#### **8. Winter Weather Awareness Day is November 15**

Chairman Miller reminded members of Winter Weather Awareness Day and asked that if their agency has a Facebook page to check on Thursday for @NWSWichita messages that they could like and share to help spread the winter weather safety message.

#### **9. Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) – November 13 @ 11:00 a.m.**

Miller reminded members that the annual TEPW follows the LEPC meeting and if they were unable to stay to leave any suggestions for exercises and training.

#### **10. Training Opportunities**

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked if any members had training opportunities to announce.

Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire/EMX, said that the department would be scheduling an ACLS Stroke Class sometime after January 1, 2019.

#### **11. Reports from Members**

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

Lindsey Bogner announced that due to the CMS proposed role back of Rules for Exercise and Training for medical providers that the Barton County ESF 8 group would be going to quarterly meetings beginning February 2019. She stated that hospitals would still be required to participate in a community exercise and that the current plan is to utilize the Statewide Tornado Drill in March 2019 as a community exercise.

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

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

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

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2019.

**14. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the November 13, 2018 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Brittney Glenn

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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