



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

January 29, 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 10:02 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:

- Kelly Bachar, UKHS – Great Bend Campus
- Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
- Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas
- Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS
- Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management
- Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer
- Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
- Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services
- Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries LLC
- Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
- Dennis Neeland, Great Bend COOP
- Dena Popp, Barton County 911 Communications, Director
- Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital
- Steve Webster, Eagle Radio-Great Bend
- Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk

Guests Present:

- Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department
- Sean Kelly, Barton County Engineering, Kansas IMT
- Lucas Stoelting, Barton Community College
- Gregg Vannoster, Claflin Police Chief
- Adam Chriss, KDEM - ECS

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the November 13, 2018 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the November 13, 2018 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from November 13, 2018.

Motion: Don Halbower

Second: Gaila Demel

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Emergency Communication Section - KDEM

Amy Miller, Chairman, introduced Adam Chriss, Interoperable Communications Training and Communications Specialist, with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Chriss said that the Emergency Communications Office works closely with public safety agencies across the state and their main mission is to work towards communication interoperability between agencies. The office will work with agencies on helping them pick appropriate radios for their agencies, work with the development of radio templates, and provide communications training for departments. The office serves as the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 2 coordinator in the State Emergency Operations Center for the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. The staff also manage two deployable Communications on Wheels (COWs) vehicles, equipped with a 160 foot tall antenna and a cache of 80 portable radios, to support cities and counties throughout the state. The COWs are available as a resource following a disaster and may also be deployed to provide exercise communications. Chriss also reviewed the Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communications System and the Kansas Mutual Aid Channels that are available throughout the state.

5. 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 re-elect Amy Miller as Chairperson and Doug Hubbard as the Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2019 year.

Motion: Gaila Demel

Second: Lindsey Bogner

Vote: Carried on voice vote

6. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2019

Severe Weather Awareness Week 2019 has been designated as March 4-8, 2019, Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the members. The Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. with a back-up date of March 7. Storm Fury on the Plains, the severe weather identification and awareness training provided by the NWS Office in Wichita, is scheduled for March 7 at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Crest Theater, Great Bend.

Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood Hospital and Clinic, said that the hospitals, healthcare facilities and ESF 8 group are working on an exercise for March 4 for CMS requirements.

7. Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, said that the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop was held on November 13, 2018. A tabletop exercise with communications/notifications based scenario and an active shooter/intruder exercise this year. In addition, training for Public Information Officers and ICS for Elected Officials is on the calendar. Miller said that Pawnee County is trying to schedule the Public Information Officer training and that she is working on collecting possible dates for the Elected Officials training.

8. Training Opportunities

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

Kelly Bachar, University of Kansas – Great Bend Campus, announced a stroke training class on March 19. If anyone is interested they should contact her.

Miller encouraged members to register for the regional table top exercise for LEPC participants on February 21 in Wichita.

Miller also announced a Kansas Department of Agriculture workshop on Livestock Mortality following a disease outbreak or natural disaster on March 20 in Garden City.

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 February 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Great Bend Public Library.

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 is tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2019.

12. Adjournment

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

Motion: Lindsey Bogner

Second: Jane Schepmann

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Approved: April 29, 2019
Amy Miller