



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

January 24, 2023

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 10:00 a.m.

2. Introduction of Members

Chairman Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all of individuals present introduce themselves and state their agency/affiliation. Members and guests were also asked to sign the Record of Attendance.

Members Attending: Brittney Bailey, Ellinwood EMS
 Kimberly Clarke, UKHS – Great Bend Campus
 Patrick Crowdis, USD 431 - Hoisington
 Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management
 Jennifer Hamby, Barton County Solid Waste
 Mark Kircher, Wheatland Electric Cooperative
 Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
 Dennis Neeland, Barton County Resident
 Jamie Tomlinson, Russell Rural Water District #3
 Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Commissioner

Guests Attending: Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department
 Rana Ingrahm, Clara Barton Hospital

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the October 25, 2022, Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the October 25, 2022, Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from October 25, 2022.

Motion: Dennis Neeland

Second: Judy Goreham

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, informed the committee members that at the first meeting of the calendar year, the bylaws require the committee to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. Nominations would be accepted from the floor.

Action: To nominate Amy Miller as Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Donna Zimmerman

Action: To cease nominations for Chairperson.

Motion: Dennis Neeland

Second: Patrick Crowdis

Vote: Both actions carried on voice vote.

Action: To re-elect Doug Hubbard as the Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Dennis Neeland

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

5. 2022 Section 312 Tier II Reporting

Amy Miller, Chairperson, told the members that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment had forwarded a reminder letter concerning the web reporting of Tier II reports. The Tier II reporting site opened on January 1, 2023, and will be open until March 1, 2023. The 2022 Tier II online report and applicable fees are due by March 1, 2023. The State is no longer accepting hard copies of Tier II reports and as a result, Miller reported that she changed the Barton County LEPC information on the web page as accepting PDF copies of Tier II reports. Members discussed reporting limits on agricultural chemicals.

Information can be accessed at:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1129/Community-Right-to-Know-Reporting>

Kansas Department of Agriculture

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/pesticide-fertilizer>

6. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2023

Severe Weather Awareness Week has been designated as March 6-10, 2023, Miller told the group. The Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m., and Storm Fury on the Plains, the storm identification and safety presentation by the National Weather Service Wichita Office, is on Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Crest Theater in Great Bend. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

7. Annual Integrated Preparedness & Planning Workshop

Chairperson Miller reported that the annual Integrated Preparedness & Planning Workshop was held on November 29, 2022. Miller passed out the multi-year calendar that was developed from the discussion and comments during the workshop. Members reviewed the calendar and discussed the listed exercises and training needs.

8. Training Opportunities

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, announced the following training:

Priority Telecommunication Services – February 15 and February 22 - webinars

Kansas Pipeline Awareness – February 23 in Great Bend.

ICS 300 - April 18-20 in Larned.

Public Information Basics – April 25-27 in Concordia

May 16-18 in Ottawa

May 23-25 in Olathe

(None of these classes are offering paid lodging.)

Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program – February 9-10 in Lawrence.

(Lodging available.)

Online Electrical Safety from Western Cooperative Electric.

Miller said she would forward flyers on each of these trainings, as well as a web link for ransomware information materials from CISA.gov, to all LEPC members after the meeting.

9. Announcements or Reports from Members

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

Judy Goreham reported that there would be a public hearing concerning a large communications tower on the westside of Barton County on February 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. If it is approved, construction could begin in June 2023.

Miller announced that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is holding a Disaster Recovery Regional Tabletop exercise/training on March 28 and March 30, 2023.

Jamie Tomlinson, Russell Rural Water District #3, said that he wanted to assure everyone that the water district served a lot of Barton County residents. There are approximately 500 meters in Barton County. Tomlinson then announced that they had received grant approval for a \$7.2M upgrade to the water district.

10. Other Business – Including Public Comments

There were no other comments offered by committee members.

11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

Chairman Miller said the next Barton County LEPC meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the January 24, 2023, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Britney Bailey

Second: Donna Zimmerman

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

*Approved: April 25, 2023
Amy T. Miller*