



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**April 25, 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 10:04 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  
                                  Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant  
                                  Kimberly Clarke, UKHS – Great Bend Campus  
                                  Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management  
                                  Jennifer Hamby, Barton County Solid Waste  
                                  Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department  
                                  Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
                                  Dennis Neeland, Barton County Resident  
                                  Kristian Pearson, The Center for Counseling & Consultation  
                                  Jamie Tomlinson, Russell Rural Water District #3  
                                  Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department, Director

Guests Attending:     Travis Parmley, Haz-Mat Response Inc., Speaker

### 3. **Adoption of Meeting Notes from the January 24, 2023, Meeting**

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the January 24, 2023, Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from January 24, 2023.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Dennis Neeland

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

#### **4. Hazardous Materials Spills**

Amy Miller, Chairperson, introduced Travis Parmley, Haz-Mat Response Inc., to the members. She said since there had been a lot of media coverage with hazardous materials spills since the beginning of the year, she thought it might be beneficial to have Parmley provide information about the company that has an office in Great Bend.

Parmley provided an overview of the services provided through the Great Bend office of Haz-Mat Response. Parmley said that it is their company policy to be enroute and in contact with a client within 20 minutes of receiving a phone call. Haz-Mat Response can respond to chemical spills, mercury spills, complete remediation services - which may include soil excavation at a spill site, do confined space rescue standby, clean/repair of tank farms (i.e., Magellan), and provide boom deployment. Parmley described several spill responses and clean up on which he has participated.

When asked about the causes of train derailments, Parmley said that for every 10 degrees of temperature (based upon 60 degrees) that 1 mile of rail will move 1 inch. There have always been derailments but after the East Palestine, Ohio, derailment, the news media appeared to be reporting on any derailments that occurred.

Parmley concluded his presentation by talking about accountability for leaking underground storage tanks. He stated that for in relation to the Superfund (CERCLA) Act, that the last person to put fuel in a tank is the one responsible for clean up.

#### **5. 2022 Section 312 Tier II Reporting**

Amy Miller, Chairperson, said that the total number of companies that filed Tier II reports is down over prior years. The predominate chemical being reported continues to be crude oil.

#### **6. Training Opportunities**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, asked if anyone had any training classes to announce. There were no announcements.

#### **7. Announcements or Reports from Members**

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

Jamie Tomlinson, Russell Rural Water District #3, said that the rural water district received their bids for their upgrade but the bids they received were higher than their funding, so they are currently reworking their bid.

Tomlinson said that with the current drought and wildfire situation, he is planning on working with county fire departments to be able to connect to the Russell RWD #3 system. Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department, invited him to attend the Barton County fire chiefs meeting at the end of May.

#### **8. Other Business – Including Public Comments**

Chairman Miller asked if there were any members who had comments or announcements. There were none.

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

Chairman Miller said the next Barton County LEPC meeting would be scheduled for a date in July. Due to the upcoming HVAC project at the Courthouse, there will also be a new meeting place. Members will be notified of the meeting day and place.

**12. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the April 25, 2023, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Doug Hubbard

Second: Dennis Neeland

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved: October 31, 2023  
Amy D. Miller