



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

February 23, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Barton County Virtual Meeting
via Microsoft Teams
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 announced that there would be a roll call of members and then asked that non-members identify themselves after the roll call.

Members Attending: Kelly Bachar, UKHS – Great Bend Campus
Brittney Bailey, Ellinwood EMS
Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant
Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas
Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
Christina Jimenez, Sunflower Diversified Services
Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Department, Fire Chief
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
Dennis Neeland, Community Group
Dena Popp, Barton County 911 Communications, Director
Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk

Guests Attending: Patrick Crowdis, USD 431, Superintendent
Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department, Director
Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the February 11, 2020 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the February 11, 2020 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from February 11, 2020.

Motion: Luke McCormick

Second: Judy Gorham

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Membership of LEPC

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told members that she planned to recommend that current members terms be extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Current members whose terms would have ended in 2020 would be re-appointed to 2022, and those whose terms were to expire in 2021 would be extended to 2023. This would allow members to re-appointed to the committee without having to complete another membership application. Miller said she would forward membership applications to Patrick Crowdis, USD 431 and Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department.

Current members suggested that membership invitations be sent to Julie Kramp, The Center for Counseling and Consultation, Ed Crist, Kansas Gas Service, and Mark Kircher, Wheatland Electric.

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. Presently Amy Miller services as the chairperson and Doug Hubbard as the vice-chairperson.

Action: To re-elect Amy Miller as Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2021 calendar year.

Motion: Gaila Demel

Second: Steve Billinger

Vote: Carried on voice vote

Action: To re-elect Doug Hubbard as the Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2021 calendar year.

Motion: Gaila Demel

Second: Brittney Bailey

Vote: Carried on voice vote

6. LEPC Bylaws

Chairman Miller told members that she and Judy Goreham had reviewed the LEPC Bylaws back in February 2020 and that their suggestions had been sent out prior to today's meeting. Miller asked if there were any suggestions from the members for additional changes or suggestions. It was suggested by Luke McCormick that Utilities and Cybersecurity be added to the membership groups. Miller said that the updated Bylaws would be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

7. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2021

Severe Weather Awareness Week 2021 has been designated as March 1-5, 2021, Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the members. The Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. Storm Fury on the Plains, the severe weather identification and awareness training provided by the NWS Office in Wichita, will be offered virtually this year. There are several presentations scheduled in March. The training is open to anyone who is interested in weather safety and registration is available on the NWS Wichita website. Miller will forward an email to members so that they may help promote the weather safety training.

8. Training Opportunities

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

Brittney Bailey, Ellinwood EMS, told members that she will be scheduling Stop the Bleed classes later this spring. The class lasts two hours and there is a minimum of 6 individuals for a class. Interested persons should contact Brittney.

Amy Miller told members that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is looking at possibly scheduling in person classes beginning in July. She also said that she hopes to have a tabletop exercise in July with LEPC members with a hazardous materials scenario.

9. Announcements or Reports from Members

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

Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire/EMS, informed members that Task Force 5 is under the umbrella of the State Fire Marshall and that they are available for in state and out-of-state response.

Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas, said that she still has 6 hand sanitizer stands and 8 cases of hand sanitizer bladders for them if anyone needs them.

Luke McCormick mentioned that there will be an air show this year at the Great Bend Airport on September 17, 18 and 19.

It was also mentioned that planning is in progress for the Hoisington Labor Day Celebration. This will be the 125th celebration and is planned for September 3-6, 2021.

10. Other Business – Including Public Comments

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

11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

Chairman Miller suggested a meeting date on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting of the LEPC is tentatively scheduled for April 27.

12. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Dennis Neeland

Second: Christina Jimenez

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Approved: April 27, 2021
Amy J. Jimenez