



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**August 30, 2022**

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 10:07 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: Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff  
Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management  
Christina Jimenez, Sunflower Diversified Services  
Mark Kircher, Wheatland Electric Cooperative  
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport  
Kristian Pearson, The Center for Counseling & Consultation  
Dena Popp, Barton County 911 Communications, Director  
Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department, Director

Guests Attending: Paula Hofmeister, Clara Barton Hospital  
Rana Ingraham, Clara Barton Hospital  
Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department  
Sean Kelly, Barton County Engineering Department

### **3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the June 28, 2022, Meeting**

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the June 28, 2022, Meeting Notes. Karen Winkelman asked that a correction to Item 8, second paragraph be made. Requested that in the second sentence that "counties" be changed to "countries" to clarify the sentence on vaccines being recognized within the United States.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from June 28, 2022, with the change requested by Karen Winkelman.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Steve Billinger

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

### **4. Barton County NABC FAD 2022**

Chairman Amy Miller discussed the foreign animal disease tabletop exercise that was held on April 21, 2022, in Barton County. Several LEPC members attended the exercise. The exercise was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was in part facilitated by the local KSU Extension office. Barton County has a large livestock sector and participants recognized that it would take a lot of cooperation and resources to handle an animal disease event. The resources required for traffic and security were discussed by the committee.

### **5. Burn Surge Tabletop Exercise**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the committee that the South Central Healthcare Coalition sponsored an exercise on May 18, 2022, in Wichita. The scenario focused on a mass casualty event with a large number of burn patients. A discussion by the members focused on patient treatment, care, and transport. In addition, there are very few beds for burn patients in Kansas and the closest burn center is in Wichita.

### **6. Kansas Homeland Security Region E Mitigation Plan**

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, told members that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) had requested a signed Notice of Participation (NOP) form from all jurisdictions that intend to adopt the next Region E Mitigation Plan. Miller said that the Notice of Participation forms had been sent to all cities, school districts, electric cooperatives, and rural water districts within Barton County. There were 20 jurisdictions that returned the NOP forms. The Kansas Division of Emergency Management will be applying for a grant to provide planning assistance to develop/update Mitigation Plans in all regions across the state.

Miller discussed that electric cooperatives would qualify for mitigation grants whereas privately owned electric utilities, like in the state of Texas, do not qualify for mitigation grants.

Mark Kircher, Wheatland Electric commented that if anyone has a generator installed, they should make sure that they notify their electric provider. In addition, customers who are considering installing solar panels should talk with their electrical provider. The addition of generators and solar panels can create problems and safety issues for electrical providers and their employees.

**7. Training Opportunities**

Chairman Miller asked if any members had any training information to share. ICS0300 and ICS0400 classes are now being scheduled by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

**8. Announcements or Reports from Members**

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

Karen Winkelman, Health Department Director, provided a monkeypox update. Winkelman stated that the Health Department had testing supplies, but no vaccine is stored on site. Vaccine is available to be ordered from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport Manager, informed members that Eagle Med is now on site and making flights from the Great Bend Airport.

**9. Other Business – Including Public Comments**

No comments were offered.

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

Chairman Miller said that the next meeting was scheduled for October 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Conference Room.

**11. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the August 30, 2022, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Martin Miller

Second: Dena Popp

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved: 10-25-2022  
Amy Miller