



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

October 25, 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 10:03 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
 Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management
 Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
 Christina Jimenez, Sunflower Diversified Services
 Mark Kircher, Wheatland Electric Cooperative
 Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries LLC
 Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
 Dennis Neeland, Barton County Resident
 Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department, Director

Guests Attending: Brent Smith, Great Bend Fire Department
 Rana Ingrahm, Clara Barton Hospital

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the August 30, 2022, Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the August 30, 2022, Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from August 30, 2022.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Dennis Neeland

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Request to Publish Public Notice

Chairman Miller informed the committee that although there is a public notice for SARA Title III on the Barton County website, she would like to publish a notice in the Great Bend Tribune. The notice serves to inform citizens of the contact information for the Barton County LEPC and the accessibility of SARA Title III hazardous substances.

Action: To approve Public Notice for publication in the Great Bend Tribune, under Public Notices, one time on October 30, 2022.

Motion: Dennis Neeland

Second: Christina Jimenez

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

5. LEPC Bylaws

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked members if there any suggestions, changes or additions to update the Barton County LEPC bylaws, adopted April 27, 2021. There were no suggestions provided by any of the members.

6. Membership of LEPC

Chairman Miller reminded members that the following membership categories would be expiring on December 31, 2022, and would need to be re-appointed: Law Enforcement, Firefighting, Health Personnel, Hospitals, Communications/Media, Facilities, and At-Large County Resident. Miller will mail out membership applications to current members whose terms are expiring. Advertising for new members has been scheduled. It was suggested that a member be sought from a water department or rural water district.

7. Integrated Preparedness & Planning Workshop

Chairman Miller reported that the annual Integrated Preparedness & Planning Workshop has been scheduled for November 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barton County Courthouse Conference Room. During the IPPW, those in attendance will be discussing Program Priorities, Areas of Improvement, and what training and exercises members would like to focus on for not only calendar year 2023, but 2024 and 2025 as well. Committee members discussed active shooter and public information as areas that need to be considered for both training and exercise.

8. Public Information and Warning

Chairman Miller asked committee members what public information topics they thought would be useful information that should be communicated to the public following a disaster. Message topics that were suggested included information on storm debris pickup, public health notices such as tetanus shots, road closures, water issues such as boil water advisories, and closure or restrictions at medical facilities. Miller said that the topics will be used to guide pre-scripted messages for quick deployment.

9. Training Opportunities

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, announced that ICS 300 classes had been scheduled for Russell in January 2023 and Larned in April 2023. Miller said she would send out the specific dates to members in an email. Miller also said that the 2023 Wildland Fire Outlook Seminar had been scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2022, in Hays. As soon she received a registration link, she would forward the information to committee members.

10. Announcements or Reports from Members

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

Karen Winkelman, Health Department Director, reported that a Drug Take Back Day was scheduled for Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be conducted by the Health Department and the Barton County Sheriff's Office. Interested parties can drop off prescription drugs and over the counter drugs east of the Courthouse. Winkelman added that the drugs that are collected are sent to an approved site for incineration.

11. Other Business – Including Public Comments

There were no other comments offered by committee members.

10. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

Chairman Miller said the next Barton County LEPC meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the October 25, 2022, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Britney Bailey

Second: Doug Hubbard

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Approved: January 24, 2023
Amy A. Miller