



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**June 28, 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: Judy Goreham, Barton County Environmental Management  
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department  
Christina Jimenez, Sunflower Diversified Services  
Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries LLC  
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport  
Kristian Pearson, The Center for Counseling & Consultation  
Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department, Director

Guests Attending: Jim Leftwich, KDEM, South Central Regional Coordinator  
Lindsey Ensley, Barton County Health Department

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the November 17, 2021, Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the November 17, 2021, Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from November 17, 2021.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Roger McPherson

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

#### **4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Chairman Miller informed the committee that it is a new calendar year and that by LEPC by-laws require that a chairperson and vice-chairperson are to be elected at the first meeting of the calendar year.

Miller asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Elections for each position would be held separately.

Action: To re-elect Amy Miller as Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2022 year.

Motion: Judy Goreham

Second: Christina Jimenez

Vote: Carried on voice vote

Action: To re-elect Doug Hubbard as the Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2022 year.

Motion: Martin Miller

Second: Roger McPherson

Vote: Carried on voice vote

#### **5. Report on Tier II Reporting Facilities**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, told the committee that crude oil continues to be the number one reported hazardous material in Barton County. Fertilizer products are still being reported by area coops and there is sulfuric acid located at several locations. Members discussed the chemicals and responses to spills and reporting requirements.

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

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, informed members that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) was requesting a signed Notice of Participation form from all jurisdictions that intend to adopt the next Region E Mitigation Plan. The NOP forms are part of KDEM's grant submission to FEMA for a planning grant to produce regional mitigation plans throughout the state.

Jim Leftwich, KDEM, South Central Regional Coordinator, discussed with members the concept behind the formation of regions and regional mitigation plans in Kansas. Leftwich said that participation in the regional plans allowed counties to develop a mitigation plan without having county emergency managers produce a plan from the ground up. When counties participate in the KDEM regional mitigation plan process, the state hires a contractor to work with counties to obtain their information and then develop a plan that meets the FEMA requirements for hazard mitigation. The completed plan allows all participating jurisdictions to apply for hazard mitigation grant funding.

Miller added that the Notice of Participation forms had been sent to all cities, school districts, electric cooperatives, and rural water districts within Barton County.

**7. Training Opportunities**

Chairman Miller asked if any members had any training information to share. Jim Leftwich, South Central Coordinator, reported that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management has scheduled ICS0300 and ICS0400 classes as in person meetings through the end of 2022. A list of the classes can be found on the Kansas Division of Emergency Management web site, under Preparedness.

Karen Winkelman, Barton County Health Department Director, said that public health training opportunities were available, but that many of the previous in-person trainings were being conducted on-line.

**8. Announcements or Reports from Members**

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

Karen Winkelman, Health Department Director, was asked about monkeypox response within the state. Winkelman reported that there were no confirmed cases within Kansas. She stated that vaccines that may be utilized in other countries have not yet been recognized within the United States.

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

Jim Leftwich and Martin Miller discussed the usage of Tanker 95 in response to wildfires. Miller described how the Great Bend Fire Department provided support for Tanker 95 when it responded the wildfire in Pawnee County in March 2022.

Martin Miller also stated that Eagle Med was remodeling a hangar at the Great Bend Municipal Airport and that it would house a helicopter and crew.

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

Chairman Miller asked the members if they preferred meeting day. All members present indicated that Tuesdays later in the month worked well. The next meeting was scheduled for August 30 at 10:00 a.m.

**11. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the June 28, 2022, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Christina Jimenez

Second: Judy Goreham

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

*Approved: August 30, 2022  
Amy Miller*