

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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November 30, 2017 LEPC Minutes

The November 30, 2017 LEPC meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Vivian Button. Don is at the 5 State Conference in Guymon OK. Those attending were John Crosby, Terry Crosby, J J Deckert, Richard Everett, Paul Fort Sr., Toni Irvin and Phil Baker. Phil Baker from Pioneer Communications is taking Garvin Mayer's place.

Terry and John Crosby gave an update on the Fire Department building. They are working with a lady out of Dodge City to help apply for grants to help fund the new fire station. To open the door for more grant opportunities, they need to complete an income survey. If the county is at a medium of 41% or below we can qualify for more grants. It is very important that every person living in Grant County fill out a survey. They may have to take the survey door to door to get more participation. This survey is completed every ten years. It was last done seven years ago and Grant County was at a 51%.

J J Deckert made a motion to approve the minutes to the October meeting. Motion was seconded and approved. Terry Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes to the October TEPW Workshop. Toni Irvin seconded and motion was approved.

Three above ground storage tank reports have been received and 811 Dig Safe Annual Pipeline Safety Information.

Old (Unfinished) Business

A letter from FEMA was received on November 29 in answer to our 4319-DR-KS project worksheet for \$73,950. They have approved \$64,000 which is for the chipping of tree debris at the Transfer Station. The \$6,750 for the removal and hauling away 2 hazardous trees from the Courthouse grounds was denied and the \$3,200 for cutting hanging limbs at Prairie Wind Park and the baseball fields was also denied because of not enough documentation or information. The denied items can be appealed.

The number of attendees at the Animal Disease Response Training put on by the National Agricultural Bio-security Center was Cimarron 35 on October 24, Leoti 18 on October 26 and Liberal had 56 sign up but only 37 attended on October 25. Lunch was served each day at the trainings. Since grant monies pay for these trainings, there is an issue when so many sign up and then do not attend. This may cause the grant providers to say we will no longer pay for lunches and people will have to leave the training site and go to lunch on their own.

New Business

Two spills were reported. One was on October 24 from Scout Energy Management LLC when 10 barrels of Brine/salt water was spilled into soil. The other was on November 2 when an employee of Oneok Field Services Corp found about 5 gallons of used oil that

had been dumped by a pipeline right of way from an unknown source. They completed clean up the release.

2018 Tech Hazards LEPC conference will be at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka on July 25-27. This conference is usually the same time as the Grant County Fair. The Fair booths for the 2018 fair will have set up on July 16 and 17 and the booths will be open on July 18 to 20.

The Regional Mass Fatality table top Exercise will be January 30 in Garden City. Toni Irvin from the Health Department is in charge of getting a team together for Grant County. She needed a team of eight to ten. So far the team consists of Health Department, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Department, hospital and Emergency Management. She is hoping to also have a member of law enforcement.

Abby Hinman from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation emailed information about LIDAR testing in our community from November 28 to December 4, if weather permits. LIDAR testing consists of a low-flying helicopter taking images of their transmission lines and substations. This information was sent out to help answer questions of concerned citizens.

Upcoming training: G290-Basic Public Information Officer Course December 4-5 in Independence; G300 Intermediate Incident Command in Salina on Dec 12-13, in Hutchinson on January 16-17, IN Lawrence on February 12-13; G400 Advanced Incident Command System in Quinter on December 6-7, in Salina December 14-15, in Hutchinson on January 18-19 and Lawrence on March 6-7; KS133 KS Exercise Design Course for Operations-Based Exercises on Dec 5-8 in Topeka; and E/L0101 Foundations of Emergency Management National Emergency Management Basic Academy, Session A in Topeka January thru July four sessions of two days, and Session B in Wichita four sessions of two days from January thru July (Must attend all four sessions).

Richard Everett said the Health Departments are updating their Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). While updating the COOP Plan it will be put into the Kansas Planner website. He asked if Susan McMahan from KDEM had to approve the plans. We will contact Susan and find out.

Toni Irvin said she was working on the Mass Fatality Exercise and the health department is still giving flu shots.

Jerry Deckert from city Council talked about the railroad on Main Street being repaired and how much better it is. She said the city has about five months in reserve and are working on increasing the amount. Sam Guy has replaced Warren DeVora who has moved.

Paul Fort Sr. said EMS had new monitors and are working on updating their equipment. Tuesday night they had a demonstration of a new power gurney. On December 19 a company is demonstrating new ambulances. If they go with a smaller van type, they can almost purchase two for what a big ambulance like we have now cost. Terry Crosby stated EMS had been doing a lot of research on new equipment for best quality and pricing. Paul also talked about the EMT class. They have 6 students here. It is a blended learning with

students also in Boise City, Sublette and Elkhart with some lecture and some online training as well as hands-on.

John Crosby talked about state looking into changing the way we fight fires. They are looking at forming task groups and having each county for district commit to one or two trucks and responders. Several fire organizations would go together and work together during the fire like Stanton and Grant worked at the Clark County fire. The state should be making a decision by June or July of next year. They are trying to pattern it like Oklahoma. They are trying to figure out how to fund the project. They would also like the fire fighters to be certified in Wild land fire training. John also talked about all of the vegetation that is now drying up and there is a lot of fuel in the county if a fire should get started. Grant County has a Mutual Aid agreement with the other counties in our Region. Vivian stated we have received over 20 inches of rain this year but only 0.01 inch in November.

The next regular meeting will be January 25, 2018 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Fort Sr and seconded by Terry Crosby. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Minute respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.