

**Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
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Don Button called the June 25, 2020 Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting to order at 9:31am at 715 E Oklahoma Ave, Grant County Fire Department with eight members present. Those present were Mike Wooley, Christy Wooley, Danny Law, Mike Salisbury, Jerry Deckert, Toni Irvin, Don Button and Vivian Button.

Mike Wooley made a motion to approve the Minutes to the February 27, LEPC Meeting. Christy Wooley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communications/Mail – Midwest Energy pamphlet on Pipeline Safety and Call before you dig. LEPC also received several Tier II reports but we did not receive reports from all of the people we normally receive from. Vivian took about 10 reports off the KDHE website for Grant County. We also received the information on the Kansas Pipeline Meeting held in Ulysses on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several from Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Department and Emergency Management attended the meeting.

#### Old (Unfinished) Business

We need to form an Exercise Committee and discuss possible exercises for later in the year. The state said we could use the Covid-19 response as exercise. Maybe plan a tabletop exercise and if we are not able to have it in November or December have it ready for next year. KDHE's exercise for April 15-16-17 was canceled. They may reschedule it for later in the year depending on how the COVID-19 develops.

Region C Mitigation Plan was sent out for review in March and has been approved by the State and the County Commissioners, USD 214, Pioneer Electric and the City of Ulysses. We are waiting on the City of Ulysses Paperwork to submit all the resolutions at once.

#### New Business

Grant County has had three Spill Reports since February. The February spill was crude oil. The March and May spills were Brine/saltwater.

This is day 104 of the Covid-19 response. Grant County had 18 cases and went 29 days without a new case. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we had a new case. Our number are now at 37 with 14 test pending and 4 hospitalized. These are due to social gathering and pre-op testing. Toni put out a number breakdown of the new positives, 15 female and 4 male ranging from 10 years old to 79 years old. Hospitalizations are going up but not deaths for state. Several states have seen increases since they have opened up and with the Memorial Day Holiday. Don took the New EOC Management and Operation train-the-trainer. One of his counterparts sent him a Community Life lines form and he has been using that for reports to the State and County and City officials. It is a short quick form than he can put the most important information on and send out. They have been working from a weekly Incident

Action Plan until June 12<sup>th</sup> when they developed a 30 day Incident Action Plan. Unless they need to make changes this Incident Action Plan will go thru July 12<sup>th</sup>.

At this time Grant County does not have any more restriction than what the State has required. The State has added Arizona, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida to the travel restriction. If returning from these states or having visitors from these states you all have to quarantine for 14 days.

Jerry Jo Deckert asked if there was anything the community and agencies need to do that they are not doing. The answer was to **Get the Word out**: People need to understand that each individual is responsible for themselves. They need to know the difference between I want to do something and I need to do something. If people are sick or not feeling good stay home and do not visit family or friends or go to stores or other locations.

Don and Toni visited with the schools about graduation. It will be outside and they are only allowing 6 family members to attend.

Jerry Jo talked about a big wedding this weekend also. She hopes people will be cautious. Someone asked about fair. As of right now we are still having fair. Don does not know if they are changing anything because of the COVID-19. He wants to go talk to Mari and take Toni with him. Don said the State has some PPE for non-medical use. If businesses cannot get PPE they can call Don and he can request it from the state. We may or may not be able to get it but we can try. The PPE is 3ply Mask, face shields and KN95 mask. To request it the business has to figure out what they need for a 90 day supply. Don also talked about the 50 gallon drums of hand sanitizer that the federal government sent to the state to give out and the issues with something that big and flammable and how to store. Jerry Jo talked about the Christian Church giving out hand sanitizer from the Boothill Distillery in Dodge City.

Upcoming training-State Trainings have been postponed until the first of the year. Several places have on line training that can be done on line. Don said he was tired of Zoom meeting after having 3 to 5 meetings a day for seven days a week for several weeks and now has one 6 days a week and 2 on Monday, Wednesday Thursday, and Fridays.

#### Public Comments

Mike Wooley talked about some changes in recertification that are due this year to help keep you certified. Scout has changed some of their policies and employees have to call in and be scanned when entering a building. Jerry Jo asked if Scout paid their employees when they were working from home or off. The company did pay them while working at home.

Mike Salsbury said Pioneer was going to open their lobby on Monday but they are meeting today to maybe put that off since the county Covid-19 numbers are increasing. If a Pioneer employee chooses to go on a cruise or to a quarantine state they have to be quarantined for 14 days and use their sick leave. The state should update their quarantine states by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kristy Wooley said Compass has been using Tele-health and People are starting to come back in for appointment. People seem to like the face to face meetings. Jerry Jo asked if they had seen an increase since the COVID-19. Kristy said not at first, it was pretty slow during the shutdown but has since started increasing. She said Compass was not requiring wearing a mask.

Jerry Jo said they had a City Council meeting last night. She said the city is not going to mandate the use of a mask, but they will encourage the use of wearing a mask and doing the social distancing of 6 feet. Kristy said some people with anxiety have trouble wearing a mask. Jerry Jo asked about the difference between Isolation and Quarantine. Isolation is when you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are waiting for test results. You need to stay at home and stay away from family members. Quarantine is when you are a close contact with a positive and not showing any clinical signs or have traveled to locations on the KDHE travel quarantine list and need to stay at home for 14 days to see if you come down with signs or symptoms.

Toni Irvin with the Health Department said they are busy and Stay Home.

Don talked about the state of Kansas receiving Federal Funding and has set up a SPARK (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) Task force on how to distribute the money. They are working on a Resolution to send out to counties. They have to share the money with schools, cities, business, medical facilities and other county entities. But it can only be used for certain things and if you have received federal grant monies, they have to be considered. Don said Compass might be eligible for some of the funding. This is CARE Act money and Grant County could be eligible for \$1.425Million. There will be lots of paperwork and lots of information will be needed. Jerry Jo said he should contact Grant County Foundation, Economic Development, and the banks because they have given money out. Don will not be in charge of this, it will be the County Commissioners and the County Clerk with assistance from the County Attorney.

The next regular meeting will be July 23, 2020 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Toni who was listening to a state conference call said all the COVID-19 markers are going up for the state and she made a motion to adjourn and Mike Wooley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:14am.

July 23, 2020

August 27, 2020

September 24, 2020

October 22, 2020

November 26, 2020(This is Thanksgiving Do we want to change it to November 19)