

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Don Button called the July 23, 2020 Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:32am with 8 members attending at 715 E Oklahoma Avenue, Grant County Fire Department. Those present were Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Jerry Jo Deckert, Eddie Franco, Sam Hayden, Christy Wooley and Mike Wooley.

John Crosby made a motion to approve the Minutes to the June 25, 2020 LEPC Meeting. Motion seconded by Jerry Deckert. Motion Carried.

Communications/Mail

LEPC received an Oklahoma Natural Gas/811 dig safe Pipeline safety pamphlet. We also received a new Tier II from Smyth Oil & Gas Services, Inc. for a new diesel tank at their location.

Old (Unfinished) Business

We still have not set up an Exercise Committee to discuss possible exercises for later in the year.

Covid-19 response update

Travel restrictions as of 7-14 are Arizona on or after June 17 or Florida on or after June 29 and international travel of any kind and certain locations on or after July 14 or cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15. The state is updating travel restriction about every two weeks. Our numbers are continuing to go up. Grant County has 17 active cases as of today. Seven of those are from yesterday. The Commissioners signed an updated disaster declaration resolution for the Covid-19 until rescinded instead of doing one for 60 days and then having to do another in 60 days. With the disaster declaration resolution the county can still request supplies from the state without it the county cannot request supplies. Don has been requesting the Covid testing supplies from the state and has requested some PPE. Jerry Jo asked about the hospital capacity. John Crosby said the hospital has three isolation rooms. Don said if the patient is very sick they will be transported to Garden City or another hospital. The counties are receiving SPARK money. SPARK is Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas. It comes from the Federal to the State and then the counties. Grant County has received over \$1.4 million. Part of it will be used for the reimbursement for supplies used to protect the whole county and part for planning for the future. Don is working with Bob Dale Passini on the SPARK funding. The plan and paperwork has to be sent in by August 15. We have to be careful about other funds that have been received for the Covid Response also. The money we do not use will have to be sent back and we would rather not send any back.

New Business

Grant County had one spill report of 180 barrels of brine/salt water on July 15.

Don had a citizen call about a metal container marked as radiological hazard when they were cleaning the home they purchased. Don talked to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and they had Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) call Don. Don retrieved the item which was a container called a pig that contain medical material from Cardinal Health. He used his radiological training to test the item as requested by KDHE. It was Iodine131 from 2012. It was not radioactive. He sent a report to KDHE. KDHE called Cardinal Health and then Cardinal Health called Don. Cardinal Health sent a carrier to pick up the item.

Buffalo Dunes exercise was held on July 17 with Grant County EMS and Sheriff's Office. It was a protocol drill to see which cell tower a 911 call would go to from a wind tower by the county line of Grant and Haskell counties and the response time. A cell phone used from the tower went to the Grant County Law Enforcement Center and an ambulance was sent to respond and Grant County made a call to Haskell County PSAP to let them know. Because of the remote nature of the location this is standard procedure. If Haskell County gets the call they call Grant County. The person from the tower also called the office and the office called Haskell County PSAP because the office is in Haskell County. At the time the call was paged out in Haskell County they had a convoy of wind generator parts going down Highway 83. Grant County Ambulance and Law Enforcement was the first to arrive on the scene in about 16 minutes with Haskell arriving about 8 or 9 minutes later. The caller from the tower was using an AT&T phone and it did not ping a location on the map at the dispatch center. When Law Enforcement arrived at the scene they used a Verizon phone to call dispatch and it pinged on the map.

Grant County Fire received the \$1,000 Grant from the Kansas Pipeline Association for attending the March meeting in Ulysses.

Sam said the school is meeting to see if school will start on September 9th or sooner. Don and Toni are meeting with the school on Tuesday to look over the plan and guidance to open. Garden City/Holcomb schools are scheduled to open on August 17. Don talked about the Executive Order 20-59 which talks about the things the governor wants schools to do including wearing mask.

John Crosby said Grant County had not had a lot of fires except around July 4th. They had one or two fires before July 4th from fireworks out in the field in the county. On July 4th they had a garage fire but decided it was caused by lightning. Then after midnight on July 5th they had nine dumpster fires from fireworks and one almost house fire. Someone shot off fireworks into a tree beside a house and the tree burned and got the house hot and almost caught it on fire. He has had 4 fireman exposed at their regular jobs. He talked to them about staying away from large groups. He gave the volunteers the option of putting fire trucks in the parade or not and they decided to not put trucks in this year. They have not been doing a lot of training because of the COVID.

Eddie Franco said Merit had modified their work schedule to help lessen the exposure possibilities. He has not had safety meeting but has sent some training out in emails and

had them answer questions and send back. They had a tank battery in Haskell County that was hit by lightning and burned.

Christy said Compass was doing some Face to Face meetings. They were the first location to start face to face back up. They are doing all they can to keep people as safe as possible.

Mike said Scout Energy is continuing the same safety precautions.

Don said that buyer beware of the Companies selling PPE some are misrepresenting their supplies and also the hand Sanitizer that has the Methanol.

Grant County has received 2 donation shipments of PPE from the Patterson Family Foundation. The first one was 730 KN95 mask worth \$1,825. The second was KN95, N95 and 3-ply mask, gowns, and face shields worth \$5,000. This could be used as in-kind match if needed.

Presentations- none

Upcoming training-State Trainings postponed
LSU-Louisiana State University has training on their website and the Responder newsletter from Kinder-Morgan has training on their website. The new G2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions class has been made virtual. It will be 4 days instead of 3 days.

The next regular meeting is August 27, 2020 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Mike Wooley made a motion to adjourn at 10:26am and Eddie Franco seconded. Meeting adjourned.

February 27, 2020

March 26, 2020-canceled

April 23, 2020-canceled

May 28, 2020-canceled

June 25, 2020 Had

July 23, 2020- had

August 27, 2020

September 24, 2020

October 22, 2020

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