

**Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
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Don Button called the Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting for April 22, 2021 to order at 9:03 AM at the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E Oklahoma Ave., Ulysses. Members present were Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Richard Everett, Eddie Franco, Toni Irvin, Christy Wooley, and Cody Graber.

John Crosby made a motion to approve the Minutes for the March 25, 2020, LEPC Meeting. Toni Irvin second. Motion Carried.

The mail we received was a Energy Transfer pamphlet, Southern Star –Responding to a pipeline Emergency, and Brown Dupree Oil Company Tier IIs. The Tier IIs were delivered to Grant County EMS and they brought them to the Fire Station. We received the Kinder-Morgan “The Responder” newsletter for April 2021 Issue 1 in an email.

#### Old (Unfinished) Business

Toni Irvin gave an update on the Covid-19 response. Some testing is still being done but not a lot. We have no active cases at this time in Grant County. She said the County facilities had given out 2559 first and second shots as of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Toni said the message board signs helped to bring people in for the shots.

#### New Business

Grant County had one Spill Report of 4 barrels of salt water on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The colder weather caused some issues for the Gas companies.

Kansas All-Hazard Incident Management Team is making some changes. The Southwest region has 16 members on the team. The State took the team over two and one half years ago and wanted to change the team to Incident Support team and not have an Incident Commander and an Operation Section Chief. These two positions are vital to assist the local government in helping them to understand what needs to be done and how it needs to be completed correctly. The team has an advisory committee but this was not discussed with that committee or the team. The team is going back to a Regional Team and can be requested by an Emergency Manager and not have to call the state.

Senate Bill 40 has to do with the Emergency Management Act. The Governor cannot make certain decisions without the Legislative’s approval. Sometimes this takes 24 to 72 hours. During a disaster this is a long time. This bill was discussed at the Legislative Coffee on April 17 at the Fire Station in Ulysses. They said the bill is still being discussed and some changes may be made.

April 16<sup>th</sup> SHERT (Southwest Hospital Emergency Response Team) and the counties participated in a table top exercise called the BAD Bug-19. It was about a Point of Distribution for vaccination for a bad bug infection and a snow storm that moved in and

caused issues for people trying to get the vaccination and what needed to be done for people to be able to get to the sites and when do you need to postpone and what all needed to be done. Don invited county and city departments and the Commissioners to attend the exercise. Those attending the exercise were Toni Irvin, Don Button and Vivian Button. The exercise had 11 injects with questions that they gave us 5 minutes to answer. Don and Toni will be working on an After Action Review and the Improvement Plan next week.

The state is discussing opening up classroom training as of July. The state training officer taught an ICS 300 class virtual. He said it did not work very well because people need to be able to work together and it is hard to tell if people understand everything virtual. Don taught a virtual ICS 400 class and he said the same thing.

Cody Graber said Scout Energy had done a Maintenance Turnaround. Kristy said Compass is getting busier. Eddie Franco of Merit Energy said they are going to look at their mask policy and are going to do some in person classes with smaller numbers. Vivian Button said the State Tier II website has about 5 more tier IIs that we have not received. John Crosby, Fire Chief, said Fire and EMS spent a day with the Jr Leadership. They looked at putting on SCBAs and all the gear and how to fight fires and EMS equipment and policies for EMS response. They discussed the equipment and gear for vehicle rescues. They had a fire call during the event. Completed the call and came back and finished. Don Button talked about the county being in extreme fire danger weather on Sunday and Monday with high winds and low humidity. John Crosby said it is supposed to be a high fire season this summer. Toni Irvin and Richard Everett talked about the Port-account Mask Fit Testing Machine that you use to fit test Mask and SCBA for use. The Health Department has two of them and they either have an adaptor or need to order an adaptor for some of the SCBA. They also discussed assisting the gas and oil companies with fit testing for their personnel.

The next regular meeting will be May 27, 2021 at 9:00AM at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

John Crosby made a motion to adjourn and Cody Graber seconded. Motion carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 9:45AM

## **2021 Grant Co LEPC Meeting dates**

**January 28-February 25-March 25-April 22-May 27-June 24**

**July 22-August 26-September 23-October 28-November 18**