

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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August 26, 2021 LEPC Minutes

Don Button called the August 26, 2021 Local Emergency Planning meeting to order at 9:04 AM at the Grant County Fire Department at 715 E. Oklahoma in Ulysses. Those present were Don Button, Vivian Button, Richard Everett, Toni Irvin, Mark McGaughey, and Christy Wooley.

Toni Irvin made a motion to approve the July 22, 2021 LEPC meeting minutes. Christy Wooley seconded. Motion carried.

The main communications or mail for the month was a flier from DCP Midstream pipeline about emergencies procedures.

Old (Unfinished) Business

Toni Irvin gave an update on COVID in the county. They are still giving vaccinations every day. They have a new poster that shows how long agencies have been working on a coronavirus vaccine. More people are getting vaccinated since the Pfizer vaccine has been approved. Moderna sent their paperwork in yesterday for approval. The state is not testing all samples from Grant County but most are Delta. It is easy to tell the Delta variant spreads a lot easier and faster. 92% of the Deaths in Kansas are from the Delta variant. Grant County still has 3 in the hospital and one in rehab. The Health Department is working with the schools.

New Business

No Spill Reports have been entered since the last meeting.

Every year we do a Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW). This year the state is updating and changing this process to be the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW). We discussed a date. We will look at what date and time would work best for the Committee and partners and sent out information. Because of the conference call at 10am on Thursdays with KDHE we need to have the workshop on a different day or in the afternoon or evening.

August 24 we had an anhydrous ammonia leak caused by the 105 or 106 degree temperature, which caused a pop off valve to release pressure and it would not shut. Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS were dispatched to the facility to support the safe shutdown of the leak. The valves has been replaced.

KDEM has developed 2020 Covid-19 Response Efforts Exercise paperwork that counties can utilize for a County Exercise. We answered some of the questions and discussed what the County has done and improvements we have made or need to make. Vivian will put the answers into the paperwork and sent to the members. We will complete this at a later date and then complete an After Action Report.

Vivian gave an update on the American Red Cross.

Upcoming training-State Trainings G300 Intermediate Incident Command System Course in Ulysses on October 18 to 20 Need to register by October 4th, G400 Advanced Incident Command System Course in Ulysses on November 15-16 with registration deadline being November 1. KS-133 Kansas Exercise Design Course for Operations Based Exercises in Wichita on August 24-27 will be rescheduled

The next regular meeting will be September 23, 2021 at 9:00am at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Department at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Richard Everett made a motion to adjourn and Toni Irvin seconded at 10:01am. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned so we could listen to the KDHE conference call.

LEPC Minutes submitted by Vivian Button.

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**