

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:32am on January 24, 2019 at the new Fire Station/Emergency Management Building at 715 E Oklahoma Ave with 13 members present plus a new Member. Those present were William Anderson, Jeff Baier, Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Richard Everett, Dale Gannett, Toni Irvin, Jill Robinson, Enrique Sandoval, Christy Wooley, and Mike Wooley. Our new member is Todd White from Buffalo Dunes Wind Farm who will eventually replace Dale Gannett.

John Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes to the November 27, 2018 LEPC Meeting and Toni Irvin seconded.

The LEPC has received two above ground storage tank reports and 3 Tier II reports.

Grant County's Local Emergency Operation Plan was submitted on November 1st. The state requested some updates and information. With these updates submitted the state said the plan was compliant as of December 20th and would be approved when the commissioners sign the promulgation and return it to the state. The Commissioners signed the promulgation on January 2nd and it was submitted on January 8th. We received confirmation the state received the promulgation on January 9th from Bryan Murdie.

New Business

No spill reports have been submitted since September.

The January Integrated Weather Team (IWT) Workshop was postponed due to the government shutdown.

The EPA wanted to come to our LEPC meeting but that has been postponed until the Government shutdown is over.

The LEPC Regional Table Top Exercise on January 23 in Garden City was attended by 9 of our members. Those attending were Jill Robinson, John Crosby, Robyn Crosby, Paul Fort, Christine Wooley, Jerry Deckert, Toni Irvin, Don Button and Vivian Button. A Meeting to work on the After Action Report and Improvement Plan was set up for Monday January 28, 2019 at 10:00am.

An exercise committee was set up to look at the TEPW for exercises for this year and get them in motion. Those on the committee are Don Button, John Crosby, Jill Robinson and Todd White or Dale Gannett.

The National Weather Service Storm Identification and Spotter Training will be March 12th at 7:00pm at the Lawson Room of the Grant County Civic Center.

Upcoming trainings are January 29 -8am to Noon Essential Of Community Cyber-security AWR 136 in Dodge City, January 29-30 1pm to 5 pm and Jan 12 8am to 12pm Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents, March 12, AWR-232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities -8am to 5pm ID # 1082041, KS-133 Kansas Exercise and Design for Operations based exercise July 30 to Aug 2, 2019 ID 1081418, and HSEEP L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Topeka ID 1081488 March 13-14 or Wichita May 8-9

Richard Everett said he would be going to Topeka to the TEPW for KDHE. He also talked about KDHE wanting to hold a statewide exercise in 2020. The Kansas Funeral Directors have rewritten their plan so we will have to make some changes to the Mass Fatality Plan. He also has several AAR-IPs to write. Each capability that is tested at an exercise has to have at least one improvement.

The SHERT (Southwest Kansas Hospital Emergency Response Team) and HCC (Health Care Coalition) exercise will be February 20th. Don talked about having exercises and they have to meet requirements for the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), Health Departments, Emergency Management, hospitals and long term care units. Jill Robinson talked about reaching out to the care home to see if they would send a representative to the LEPC. She also stated Western Prairie Health and Rehab are sending their patient to Bob Wilson Hospital now instead of sending them to Lakin Hospital and the Ulysses Doctors are taking care of the patients.

Grant County Feeders thanked the hospital and EMS for their response to issues they have had.

Elections were held. John made a motion to keep the officers as is. Toni and Jill seconded. Motion carried. Don Button-Chairman, John Crosby-Vice Chair, Vivian Button-secretary/information coordinator

The Kansas Pipeline Association meeting will be in Hugoton on March 5 at 5:30pm. Mike Wooley said some other meeting dates are Dodge City February 28 at 11:30am, Garden City March 6 at 11:30am and Liberal March 7 at 11:30am. The 811 Excavators meeting will be March 5 in Ulysses.

Bill Anderson now with Riviera Resources and Riviera Operating said they are working on updating their tier II reports and have gotten new Federal ID numbers since the name change. They are also reviewing their Emergency Plans.

John Crosby with the Fire Department said they are still working on the building. They hope to have it done in 2 months and ready to move in. They had a 4 day Wild Land Fire Class. It was well attended by our volunteers and volunteers from the surrounding counties. It is predicted to be another bad year for fires. They are getting ready to start a Fire Fighter I class. A meeting will be held on January 31 to discuss a Task Force Strike Team with several other counties so they can go as a group to fight fires. Each county will

need to commit one or two trucks to assist. They believe this will be safer and more efficient. They will be discussing the roles and responsibilities and recommended training. Meade and Clark have set up a team and were deployed 8 times last year.

Toni Irvin stated they are still giving flu shots and Kansas has moderate flu at this time.

Christy Wooley said Compass is still trying to get the 8 hour Mental Health First Aid classes set up. They hope to have it set up by April for service providers.

Jill Robinson said the hospital has not seen many flu admits or personnel with the flu. They are seeing a lot of RSV in little kids. They have some new people in the Emergency Department and they are in training. The hospital has a new nurse/midwife on staff and is seeing more OB patients. Guymon has shut down their OB department. She said they have 32 babies due between April and July.

Dale Gannett stated they have had several issues with the snow, ice and mud. When the snow and ice start falling from the blades it is dangerous. He said they are very thankful to Grant County Road and Bridge for the good job they do on taking care of the paved roads as well as the dirt roads.

Skyland Grain purchased the Nexsun property west of Ulysses. They are putting in a fuel distribution center.

Stubbs Road will be closed from January 23 to 28 from Industrial to Nebraska for railroad track repair.

The next regular meeting will be February 28, 2019 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the new Fire Station/Emergency Management building at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Terry Crosby made a motion to adjourn and John Crosby seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.