

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Don Button called the meeting to order on August 22, 2019 at 9:30am at the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E Oklahoma Avenue, Ulysses, Kansas. Members present were Don Button, Richard Everett, Jill Robinson, Toni Irvin, Jerry Jo Deckert, Paul Fort Sr., Eddie Franco, Mark McGaughey, Cathy Hernandez and Mike Wooley. Visitor Barb Groomer.

Paul Fort Sr. motioned to approve the minutes to the July 25, 2019 LEPC Meeting. Toni Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

Communications/Mail – Northern Natural Gas, information.

Old (Unfinished) Business

Exercise Committee (Don Button, John Crosby, Jill Robinson and Todd White) met on August 7, 2019. They finalized the Situation Manual, Powerpoint presentation, and Evaluation Guides for the tabletop exercise with Buffalo Dunes, August 27 at 9am at the Grant County Fire Department. Registration will start at 8:30am, exercise will start at 9:00am and should be done Noon. Don requested numbers from each department that would be attending, so he could get printed copies ready.

Don gave an update on having a booth at the Grant County Fair, handing out information on Emergency Management.

Don advised that Raul Montoya, with Southern Star Gas has asked about working up a tabletop exercise with them and emergency services. A possible meeting date of August 26, 2019 was set to discuss the possible exercise.

The TEPW-Training, Exercise, planning workshop was discussed, and Don asked those to be ready to have the workshop at the October 24, 2019 LEPC meeting.

New Business

Grant County had one saltwater/brine spills since the last LEPC meeting. It has been remediated.

Members were reminded about the KEMA-Kansas Emergency Management Association conference being held, September 10-13, 2019 in Topeka.

Don advised that Vivian went to a meeting in Wichita, KS to go over the new Kansas Planning Standards that will be used for updating the County Local Emergency Operations Plans. The new standards will go into effect in September 2019.

The Region C Mitigation plan, which Grant County is a part of, will be meeting at the Grant County Fire/Emergency Management facility on November 4, 2019 to start the discussion on doing the 5 years update to the plan. Vivian will send out information to those agencies, city, and private companies that were involved in the plan to attend.

The 5-State Regional Conference was discussed. It is set for November 6-8, 2019, in Liberal, KS Activity Center. This is for all members of emergency services, and elected/appointed officials. The 5 states involved are; Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

LEPC members then looked over and discussed the proposed bylaw changes that had been recommended. Jerry Jo Deckert motioned and Paula Fort Sr. seconded to approve the changes to the bylaws. Motion carried. Don will get with the County Commissioners to go over and approve as well.

Some of the upcoming trainings are: Medical HazMat and decontamination Garden City November 6 at St. Catherine's Hospital ID 1085372; KS-132 Kansas Exercise Design Course for Discussion-based exercises-Wichita on Aug 27-29. The class has prerequisites. ID 1082032; L0950 All Hazards IMT Incident Commander in Russell on Sept 23-27 ID 1085431; and L0958 All Hazards IMT Operations Section Chief in Russell on Sept 30- Oct 3 ID 1085434.

Member Comments

Richard Everett said that KDHE will hold a statewide full scale exercise the week of April 13, 2020, which will test all 15 public health capabilities. The Southwest healthcare Coalition was doing interviews this week to pick a new Coordinator for the region.

JJ Deckert said that the City of Ulysses had approved the 2020 budget.

Jill Robinson said that the hospital has been in process of upgrading the E.R.

Paul Fort Sr. advised they were in the process of doing an EMT refresher class as well as hold an EMT-A class.

Eddie Franco said his company was drilling some new wells in Haskell County.

Cathy Hernandez, from KDEM said they have been busy with all of the storms within the state, and that the State has three Federal Declarations they are working on.

The next regular meeting will be September 26, 2019 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Department at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Mike Wooley made a motion to adjourn at 10:00am. JJ Deckert seconded. Motion Carried.

The LEPC Minutes respectfully submitted by Don Button, Chair.

Meeting left in 2019

September 26

October 24

November 21