

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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LEPC minutes for January 26, 2017

Don Button called the Grant County LEPC meeting to order at 9:30am on January 26, 2017. Those present were; Don Button, Billie Chesney, John Crosby, Richard Everett, Jerry Jo Deckert and Terri Crosby.

Jerry Jo Deckert made a motion to approve the November 17, 2016 meeting minutes. John Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

Communications/Mail; Don advised that fuel storage and Tier II reports were coming in, and will be entering them into Cameo as they arrive. Also receiving annual preparedness information from the various gas companies.

Old business: None

New business: Don said it was time to do elections for LEPC Chair, Vice-Chair, and Information Coordinator. Jerry Jo moved that those in the current position continue in those positions for 2017. Terri Crosby seconded and motioned that nominations cease, Jerry Jo seconded. Don Button will continue to be Chair, John Crosby Vice-Chair, and Vivian Button Information Coordinator. Don then discussed the upcoming table top exercise that will be in Garden City, February 17, 2017 for the 18 county region. Don advise that there were two from the health department, hospital, and emergency management that had sign up already, but still needed someone from law enforcement and ems. There was open discussion on the winter storm that was in the area two weeks ago and how the county agencies were communicating with each other to help be prepared if it got bad within our county. Don discussed the Integrated Weather Team meeting in Lyons, where emergency managers, media, weather services, law enforcement and DOT discussed how we can all work better together to protect our citizens of Kansas before, during and after severe weather. In other discussion, Billie Chesney from the Grant County extension asked if there was a way that our agencies could do a preparedness fair for our citizens. Discussion was had on who we would like to come in and give presentations on several topics that could help our citizens be better prepared for weather or disasters. It was decided that we would make contact with our emergencies service to participate in this along with some of our private industries to develop 5-10 presentation about how our citizen could better prepare themselves. A committee has been developed to meet and try and set this up for March or April at the civic center. This would be done in the evening time so all public would have a chance to attend. The committee will be meeting February 13, 2017 at noon to get it organized.

Upcoming training was talked about within the region, with an ICS 300 class in Hoisington March 9-10 and ICS 400 class the following week March 16, 17. A CAMEO class in Dodge City, April 25-27. There is also an NH₃ (Anhydrous Ammonia) training in Garden City February 15, 2017, that is being co-sponsored by United Prairie Ag, who has offered to pay the registration for five people in Grant County, representing 1 from Fire, 1 from EMS, 1 from Sheriff office, 1 from Ulysses PD, and 1 from the LEPC.

There were no public comments

The next regular meeting will be February 23, 2017 at 9:30am at the Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Billie Chesney and seconded by John Crosby. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted by Don Button - Chair