

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee  
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Minutes for January 16, 2014

Don Button called the meeting to order at 11:34 with 12 members. Those present were Melissa Martinez, Ed Barker, Gail Phelps, Matt Mercer, Nancy Lucas, Michael Jury, Danny Law, Richard Everett, James Everett, Alyssa Duncan, Don Button and Vivian Button.

Nancy Lucas made a motion to accept the November minutes as written. Alyssa Duncan seconded. Motion carried.

Vivian Button talked about communication that had been received. Information from Enterprise Products An Operator of Liquid Pipelines, Energy Transfer Are you prepared to respond to a Pipeline Emergency?, Kansas Pipeline Association Annual Program February 19, 2014 at 11:30 AM, one storage tank report and one information and Emergency Response Capabilities Survey.

The State has completed reviewing our Emergency Operations Plan. We had a few things to fix but for the most part it is approved. We resubmitted it last week and this week we received an email that said it was approved as soon as we get the promulgation page signed.

The meeting dates for 2014 are January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20.

Don opened the floor for elections. Nancy Lucas made a motion to adopt the same officers we have now, Don Button-Chair, Alfred Baker-Vice Chair, and Vivian Button-secretary. Alyssa Duncan seconded. Motion carried.

Two exercises are coming up April 8 with the Southwest Kansas Health Initiative Health Departments in Hugoton involving an ice storm. It will be at Memorial Hall from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Southwest Hospital Emergency Response Team (SHERT) and the 18 southwest regional counties will conduct an Exercise on July 10th in Garden City involving a pandemic. The SHERT Exercise will test capabilities 4, 10 and 11.

Don thanked Alyssa Duncan for the donation Linn Energy made to the LEPC.

The Committee looked at the 2014 LEPC list and several changes need to be made. These will be made and sent to the Commissioners and CEPR.

Don Button gave an update from the Southwest Regional Emergency Council. He stated the Robot, housed in Dodge City, can be requested and an operator will be sent out with the robot. They should receive the robot in February and have some training.

Some of the other projects are the communication interoperability, ham radio upgrade and preparedness fliers. The Incident Management Teams (IMT) will be assisting at the exercises. The IMTs do not come in to take over but to assist.

We discussed some of the upcoming training from Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Garden city will be hosting a G300 Intermediate Incident Command System on March 24 and 25; G400 Advanced Incident Command System on April 22 and 23, G290 Basic Public Information Officer Course April 15 and 16, and G291 Joint Information System/Center Planning Course for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs on April 17. The southwest region will host the G775 EOC Management and Operations on June 11 and 12. Leoti will host the PER 902 Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents. (HERT) on February 5. KDEM is sponsoring several Active Shooter Courses around the state and several other courses that can be found on the website at [www.kansastag.gov/KDEM](http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM).

The state has decided to have regional or sub regional mitigation plans. They will start having meeting sometime in the future. Our sub region will include Wichita, Greeley, Stanton, Grant, Hamilton, Kearny, Morton, Stevens, Scott and Lane.

Richard Everett talked about the Flu in Wichita and how it would be a good idea to get a flu shot. Nancy Lucas stated it takes two weeks for the flu shot to take effect. Gail Phelps stated most of the flu cases are in Wichita and not in the surrounding area. We have had a few here.

Danny Law and Ed Barker talked about the portable substation. They should be receiving it in February. Pioneer Electric Cooperative is working with Homeland Security to update their security at Ulysses, Liberal and Medicine Lodge. Ed stated Rubart Station is waiting on generators and should be up and running soon. The annual Pioneer Electric Cooperative and Pioneer Communications meetings will be March 15 along with the Health Fair. Pioneer Electric Cooperative's meeting is at 1:00 PM. Don stated the electric training at the Civic Center the first of December was very impressive.

Alyssa Duncan stated Linn Energy is planning to drill some wells this year. They still have some opening in their Electric training for next week.

James Everett stated Nahum Manzano is the new Safety Officer at Pioneer Natural Resources. He and Alyssa talked about keeping everything running with the range of warm and cold weather and freezing issues.

Matt Mercer the new Disaster Program Manager in Western Kansas for American Red Cross stated lots of changes are going on at the American Red Cross. However the phone numbers are still the same, the office number is the same and he has Carolyn Henry's cell phone. At this time he is the only one in the Garden City Office. American Red Cross is working hard to get more volunteers.

Melissa Martinez the new director of Compass Behavioral Health (formerly Area Mental Health) stated they do so much more than mental health. There was a discussion on the Community Health Assessment that was done last year. The main concern from the assessment was suicide. Melissa stated there maybe some grant money in the near future for suicide prevention. It was stated it would be interesting to compare our assessment with other communities.

Mike Jury state Energy Transfer/Regency was changing its name back to Regency. They have been testing pipelines. Their phone numbers are not changing.

The next regular meeting will be February 20, 2014 at 11:30am at the Grant County Courthouse.

Gail Phelps made a motion to adjourn. Nancy seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM.