

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee
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LEPC Minutes February 18, 2016

Don Button called the meeting to order at 11:38am with seven members present. Those present were Don Button, Richard Everett, John Crosby, Cathy Hernandez, Jerry Deckert, Mary Sullivan and Vivian Button

Jerry Deckert made a motion to accept the minutes to the November Meeting. We did not have a January meeting because of scheduling conflicts. Mary Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

We have received Tier Twos for 29 locations. Ten of these were the Above Ground Tanks.

Don reported on the December Department of Ag exercise in Grant County. Twenty-one participants attended the exercise. As usual the main issue was communication. The After Action Review meeting will be in Topeka in March.

At the November meeting when we went over the bylaws and it was decided to change Article V Officers under the Vice Chairperson was to take out on the advice of the chairperson change to in the absence of the chairperson. Jerry Deckert made a motion to accept the bylaw change. Richard Everett seconded. A vote was taken and the change was accepted. The bylaws will be signed by the chair and sent to commissioners for approval and signature and then sent to the state.

Richard Everett asked if the Improvement Plan had been completed for the November Exercise. A meeting was held on December 7th and the Improvement Plan was discussed and completed.

Don stated we need to hold elections. Jerry Deckert nominated Don Button to continue as the Chairperson Don was accepted by acclamation. John Crosby volunteered to be the Vice-Chair, he was accepted by acclamation. Jerry Deckert stated she would like to see Vivian Button continue as Information Coordinator and Secretary. Vivian was accepted by acclamation.

The 2016 Local Emergency Planning Committee Tech Hazards Conference will be in Manhattan on July 20 and 21st. This is the same week as fair. As more information becomes available we will share with the committee.

Morton County has had some issues with H₂S (Hydrogen Sulfide). This is an issue at some of the gas wells. All wells that have an issue should have an orange windsock to show wind direction.

Last Thursday a meeting was held in Stevens County with the 5 counties in the Southwest Kansas Health Initiative (SWKHI) and county response and medical entities and the district coroner to look over and develop a Mass Fatality Management Standard Operations Guide.

Vivian recommended the committee look over two ESF a month from the Emergency Operation Plan. It was decided to do this and to request the Primary and Coordinating agencies from each Emergency Support Function (ESF) attend the meeting for their ESF. In March we will look at ESF 1 Transportation and 3 Public Works. In April we will look at ESF 2 Communications and 13 Public Safety. In May we will look over ESF 6 Mass Care, Housing and Human Services and ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services.

National Weather Service's Storm Identification and Spotter Training will be March 1st at 7:00 PM at the Lawson Room of the Grant County Civic Center.

Richard Everett stated the health departments are trying to complete the county exercises. The counties who received the Ebola grant funds are using them for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or training on PPE. Some are attending the 73rd Civil Support Donning and Doffing classes, which are being held around the state.

Some of the upcoming training in the area are: MGT310 Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Training March 8-9; MGT315 Critical Asset Risk Management Training April 12-13; MGT414 Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection Training April 21; PER 304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Training April 25 and Social Media Tools and Techniques Training April 26 and all are in Garden City.

Cathy Hernandez talked about accountability and Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System training coming to our area. The dates have not been set yet and an Emergency Operations Plan Workshop has been scheduled for June 1st and 2nd.

John Crosby stated the Fire Fighter I class had completed. A few have to retake some of the stations on the test. They have some that would like to take the Emergency Medical Responder Class and some that would like to take the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic class. He is trying to get this worked out.

Jerry Deckert stated EMS is conducting an Emergency Pediatric Course on March 5th and 6th. The other continuing education will be with the paramedic students on Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm to 10pm thru ITV at the EMS building.

We were happy to see Mary Sullivan from Grant County Extension join our group. She talked about 4-H. They are hosting a Board leadership training on February 23, 25 March 1 and March 3rd. She talked about some other training coming up on April 26th. They have hired a new Ag agent Billie Cheseny.

The next regular meeting will be March 17 at 11:30am at Grant County Courthouse Basement training room. Other Meeting dates will be April 21; May 19; June 16; July 21, Fair is 16 to 23, LEPC Tech Conference is 20 and 21; August 18; September 15, KEMA Conference is 13 to 16; October 20; and November 17.

Mary Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Deckert seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm.

LEPC minute respectfully submitted by Vivian Button