

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee  
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LEPC minutes for August 18, 2016

Don Button called the meeting to order at 11:34am. Those present were Danny Law, Kelli Goree, Jerry Deckert, Richard Everett, Don Button and Vivian Button. One guest was present Jeff Hutton from the Dodge City National Weather Service office.

Jerry Deckert made a motion to approve the minutes to the July Meeting. Richard Everett seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

One Communication was received from Kansas Department of Agriculture who will be presenting training on "Continuity of business during an animal disease event. Are you ready?" on August 24, from 9am to 3pm at the Clarion Hotel, 1911 East Kansas Ave., Garden City. Registration is requested.

No old business  
New Business

Vivian Button reported on the LEPC Conference: she received a hand out for EPA Region 7 contacts and a handout for Reporting Chemical Spills in Kansas sheet. There were several talks about Commodity Flow Studies- this is looking at what is transported thru our county and city. The state wants each region to complete a commodity flow study. They talked about independent study classes "[Workplace Security Awareness \(IS-906\)](#) and IS-914 – Surveillance Awareness: What You Can Do" online at Emergency Management Institute <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>. This website has lots of other independent study classes. Training at the SERTC (Security and Emergency Response Training Center) <http://sertc.org/courses/> has some free web-based training and classroom training that has a cost. US Chemical safety Board also has training videos and some on the West Texas Explosion. EPA talked about the LEPC requesting chemical information on facilities if we do not have information. Information was given on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant which has to be requested by the LEPC. Starting in 2016 the Grant cycle is for 3 years 9/30/16 to 8/31/19. This grant is 80/20 which means the county has to cover 20% of the funds. If the grant is for training the 20% could be salaries. The main items it can be used for is developing, improving, and implementing emergency plans; conducting commodity flow studies; and conducting exercises and training public sector employees.

Don Button reported on the fair. He said attendance was down but lots of kids and parents came by the booth and enjoyed the Static Electricity machine brought to the fair by Jeff Hutton from the National Weather Service in Dodge City. Don thanked Jeff for coming down for the fair. Jeff said our fair was more active than most of the other fairs he attended.

The committee looked over proposed changes for ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Material, 9 Search and Rescue, and 4 Fire fighting. They thought everything looked good except

for a section in Search and Rescue. Vivian will rewrite this section. John Crosby was not able to be at the meeting. The committee wants to get his input before approving the updates. The Fire Department is the Coordinating and Primary Organization on each of these ESFs.

Kansas Climate and Drought update summary for July is available at (<http://kwo.org/drought.html>). This summary has information about how much rain was received around the state and compare normal amounts to this year; Lake and stream update on the Blue-Green Algae locations, which ones are below conservation pool and which are closed; community water supplies and restrictions and areas flooding; vegetation around the state; livestock pasture and range condition and lot of interesting information

Jeff Hutton presented Don and Vivian Button with a certificate and pens to recognize them for 15 years of Service in the Government of the United States for reporting climate data. Jeff stated this information was first collected by John Campanius Holm 1644 and 1645 without the aid of instruments near Wilmington, Delaware. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin all reported climate data.

The Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference will be September 13 to 16 in Junction City.

Richard Everett talked about the Biological Incident Annex the KDHE wants updated. The Health Departments have renewed his contract for another year. Stanton County will conduct a Drive Thru Flu Clinic Point of Distribution (POD) exercise on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The POD will run from 10am to 2pm, participants will be there from 8am to 4pm.

Jerry Jo Deckert stated they will be conducting some training for EMS recertification.

Kelli Goree stated Linn Energy is conducting business as usual.

Jeff Hutton talked about some changes the people in Washington want to make to the National Weather Service.

Danny Law stated Pioneer Electric is still working on their training trailer.

Vivian Button talked to Dee Longoria this morning and got the date October 1<sup>st</sup> for October fest and the Safety Fest

The next regular meeting will be September 22 at 11:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

Richard Everett made a motion to adjourn and Jerry Jo Deckert seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Meeting dates October 27 and November 24.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button