

**Homestead LEPC
Annual Meeting
March 7, 2013
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

Minutes:

Attending

Don Eisenhower
Mark Jobman
David Niemeier

BJ Fictum
John McKee
Rosemary Niemeier

Joe Grubbs
William McPherson
Kim Plouzek

Drew Hughes
Mark Meints
Sharon Vandegrift

1. Call to Order

The Annual Meeting of the Homestead LEPC was called to order by the Chair Don Eisenhower. He stated that the meeting was being conducted in accord with the open meeting act after proper public notice.

2. Roll Call

All in attendance were asked to sign the sign-in sheet.

3. Approval of Agenda

BJ Fictum moved and Mark Jobman seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion #1 passed unanimously.

4. Reception of Visitors

There were no visitors present.

5. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

6. Election of Officers

Election of Officers is held during the Annual Meeting. It is now time to open the floor for nominations.

Motion by BJ Fictum seconded by Joe Grubbs to nominate Sonya Williamson for secretary. There were no other nominations, so the nominations were ceased. Motion #2 carried unanimously.

Motion by John McKee seconded by William McPherson to nominate Brian Daake for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations, so the nominations were ceased. Motion #3 carried unanimously.

Motion by BJ Fictum seconded by Drew Hughes to nominate Don Eisenhower for Chair. There were no other nominations, so the nominations were ceased. Motion #4 carried unanimously.

7. Applicaton for Membership

There were no new applications submitted for approval.

8. Financial Report and Claims

A motion was made by Mark Jobman, seconded by BJ Fictum to approve the claims. Motion #5 passed unanimously. Mark Meints joined the meeting.

9. Review of Tier II Forms Received

All of the Tier IIs for Saline County have been received. There were 22 facilities reporting 47 different chemicals. Jefferson County received reports from 13 facilities that cover 22 different locations. Gage County has not received all the reports at this time. Mark Meints will bring the report at the next meeting. Thayer County has received reports for 11 facilities with 16 locations.

10. Annual Review of LEOPs

Saline County is in the process of re-writing the LEOPs. A draft is due on Sept 1, 2013 with final due by the end of the year. BJ will be including the Tier IIs in the LEOPs. Jefferson County changes will just be the updating of the public officials. Gage County is in the middle of the re-write. The due date for them is May 1, 2013. If it cannot be completed by May 1st, a letter needs to be submitted requesting extension. Thayer County will also only need to update the public officials.

11. Annual LEPC Report

Don Eisenhauer, Chairman and Sonya Williamson, Secretary will complete the Annual Report and submit to NEMA.

12. Committee Reports

- A. Website - There has been no activity.
- B. Recruitment – There has been no activity.
- C. Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee – James Klar is willing to be on this new committee. There has not been a committee meeting at this time. The Center for Biopreparedness will be conducting 4 trainings in the area. One of the exercises will be based on the Jefferson County haz-mat event, along with several other events. BJ.Fictum will send the brochure to Sonya Williamson and she will send out to all members. Saline County Mutual Aid will be having a Mini Fire School event on March 16, 2013. April 1st E Energy will be having a live burn with the Adams Fire Department. This will be at E Energy facility in Adams. March 14th there will be an exercise at the Bruning-Davenport school with a mock-up tornado. Thayer County will be conducting an Ag Emergency on April 18th this is a follow-up to the events in December. The intersection of highways 75 and 81 has been designated as a check point area. Intention is to discuss what would happen at the checkpoints.

13. Reports of Information Coordinators

- A. John McKee, Jefferson County – There were several house fires. 44 wind towers are proposed within Jefferson County that would be located on two different farms. The company putting in the wind towers will be conducting training with fire departments on potential hazards with the towers.
- B. Mark Meints, Gage County – The new repeater for Cortland and Clatonia fire departments will be put in place. Storm spotter class was held for residents of Gage and Jefferson Counties at the Homestead National Monument with 71 attendees. Mutual Aid is in the process of meeting to develop an incidence management team, which would probably be a Type 4 or 5. One of the requirements is that members will have to be NIMS 300 & 400 certified and organization has to be a member of the 3-33 mutual aid. Still in the process of trying to work with all the facilities to turn in the Tier IIs.
- C. William McPherson, Thayer County – There has not been much activity with no fire or hazmat incidents. Started re-doing the county-wide mutual aid agreements last fall.
- D. BJ Fictum, Saline County - Working on the state-wide communication system that has been quite a process. The only fire was the church in Friend. Dorchester Coop has done a great job of reporting. There will be a storm spotter training at the Saline Center this Sunday, March 10th, at 1:00 p.m.

14. Funding for LEPC

There was nothing to discuss.

15. Public Comments

Rosemary Niemeier mentioned that the Red Cross has released several free smart phone applications. The latest one is a tornado alert that will go off even if the phone is not working. BJ Fictum informed everyone that the newer phones do come equipped with an alert system that will send out warnings for blizzard and tornadoes. These come automatic and you would have to opt out if you should not want to receive.

16. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center.

17. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by John McKee. Motion #6 passed unanimously.

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Roll Call & Roll Call Votes

Meeting Date: March 7, 2013

Board Members		MOTIONS																			
		Roll Call		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
		Present	Absent	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
Daake, Brian		X																			
Eisenhauer, Don	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Fictum, BJ	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Ford-Witthoff, Jane		X																			
Grubbs, Joe	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Henning, Janet		X																			
Huges, Drew	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Hurd, Patricia		X																			
Jobman, Mark	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Jung, Barry		X																			
Klar, James		X																			
Latimer, Robert		X																			
McKee, John	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
McPherson, William	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Meints, Mark	X												X								
Moritz, Michael		X																			
Niemeier, David	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Niemeier, Rosemary	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Oswalt, Joe		X																			
Plouzek, Kim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Vandegrift, Sharon	X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
Voelker, Ric		X																			
Warren, Chad		X																			
Weise, Shawn		X																			
Woodall, Joseph		X																			
TOTALS	12	13	11		11		11		11		11		11		12						