

**Homestead LEPC**  
**June 1, 2017**  
**Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

**Minutes:**

**Attending**

Robert Burke	Kim Buser	Brian Daake	Shaun Friedrichsen
Jim Hayes	Janet Henning	Amber Hoban	Lee Larington
John McKee	William McPherson	Mark Meints	David Niemeier
Joe Oswalt	Judd Stewart		

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting of the Homestead LEPC was called to order by the Vice-Chair Brian Daake. 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**

Mark Meints moved and Judd Stewart seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion #1 passed unanimously.

**4. Reception of Visitors**

Others in attendance were Joseph Greenwood, Homestead National Monument Staff; and James Rashilla, NEMA.

**5. Applications for Membership**

A new member application has been received from Amber Hoban, Fortigen; Janet Henning, Saline County; and Lee Larington, Loveland Products. A motion was made by David Niemeier, seconded by John McKee, to accept the applications. Motion #2 passed unanimously.

**6. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Judd Stewart moved and Jim Hayes seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017. Motion #3 passed unanimously.

**7. Financial Report and Claims**

A motion was made by Kim Buser, seconded by John McKee to approve the claims. Motion #4 passed unanimously.

**8. Reports of Information Coordinators**

- A. Jim Dunker, Fillmore County – No one present to report.
- B. Tim Stutzman, Gage County – Tim has been in accident and was not present to report. Brian Daake reported that as far as he knew there had been no major incidents in Gage County.
- C. John McKee, Jefferson & Saline Counties – Jefferson County - - Loveland Products gave first responders a tour of the facility. A training was held in Beatrice to work on planning with the schools. The last round of storms did cause some minor flooding. There was a coal car fire outside of Fairbury that is still smoldering. One more signature is still needed for the LEOP and then will begin distributing. Saline County - - The remodeling of the courthouse is getting close to completion. The EOC in the basement is just about finished. A lot of work and time has been put into the project that will increase the security.
- D. William McPherson, Thayer County – There have been no hazmat issues. The LEOP is completed and are starting to have it adopted by the communities. The last storm did cause some flooding. There has been a new stream gauge added on the Little Blue and Rose Creek that will help better predict and warn about flooding.

**9. Training / Education Presentation**

Mark Meints gave a presentation regarding the planning that has been done for the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse. It is anticipated that approximately 50,000 people will come to the area to see the eclipse. The Beatrice Homestead is making plans for 20,000 to be on-site. A lot of the communities in the area have local events planned for the weekend. A question was posed if the media will need to be credentialed to get into the Homestead if at capacity and what do you want the role of media to be with the pre-planning and during the eclipse. NEMA has also been working with several other counties to help with their preparedness activities.

**10. Training / Education for September 2017**

It was decided to conduct an after action of the Eclipse.

**11. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Shaun Friedrichsen, seconded by William McPherson. Motion #6 passed unanimously.