

Homestead LEPC
June 2, 2016
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice

Minutes:

Attending

Brian Daake
Shari Michl

Patricia Hurd
David Niemeier

Mark Jobman
Doug Salmon

Mark Meints
Val Snyder

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 Jobman moved and Val Snyder seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion #1 passed unanimously.

4. Reception of Visitors

Kim Buser, Public Health Solutions and Janet Henning, Saline County Commissioner were present. Robert Burke was present and has submitted a membership application which will be approved at the next meeting. Don Eisenhower, past president of the LEPC was present. He was presented with a small plaque as a way to thank him for his commitment and service since the beginning of the LEPC.

5. Applications for Membership

Application for memberships will be tabled until next month.

6. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mark Meints moved and David Niemeier seconded to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016. Motion #2 passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report and Claims

A motion was made by Val Snyder, seconded by Mark Meints to approve the claims. Motion #3 passed unanimously. There has been discussion on the need to form a Finance Committee and decide on a formula to determine membership dues for the Counties. There are no County Emergency Managers at this meeting so this will be discussed at the next meeting. It was questioned how representatives from industries could help support the LEPC. This was discussed and decided to handle the same as for past events. There are times when the LEPC conducts a larger scale training or exercise and at that time requests for sponsorship will be made to industries. These funds could then be used to offer refreshments or a meal for an all-day training.

8. Committee Reports

- A. Website - There was no activity to report.
- B. Recruitment – There has been no activity.
- C. Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee – There will be a mass evacuation exercise held at Mahoney.
- D. Review of Committees and Member Replacements – There was discussion on what committees are needed. It was decided that with the website developed and live there was no longer a need for this committee. At this time Tim McDermott is updating the website. It was felt that all members of the LEPC should be trying to recruit new members so there is not a need for this committee. There was discussion on the importance of having some type of training / education component at every meeting. This makes the meetings more valuable for the members to attend. It was felt that members could be asked at each meeting who would be willing to be in charge of training for the next meeting. The

LEPC only meets 4 times a year so this would not put too much additional work on any one member. A motion was made by Mark Meints, seconded by Val Snyder to not have a training committee but instead at every meeting to have one member volunteer to be in charge of setting up the training for the next meeting. Motion #4 passed unanimously.

9. Reports of Information Coordinators

- A. Jim Dunker, Fillmore County – Jim submitted his report prior to the meeting. A copy is included in the meeting packet. Fillmore County is finishing up with the Hazmat Mitigation Program sponsored by the Little Blue NRD. There has been no fire calls the past quarter. Attended a tour along with the Fairmont Fire and Rescue of the Flint Hills Ethanol Plant. There was a rescue call south of Geneva when a semi driver had a heart attack. He crossed the median, entered a field, and collided with a pivot system. The truck had a load of bees. One hive broke open but no problems were encountered during the rescue. Most of the rescue calls were for transportation at long term care facilities. The city of Shickley now has an ALS unit.
- B. Tim Stutzman, Gage County – No one present to report.
- C. John McKee, Jefferson & Saline Counties – John was not available but Janet Henning did report that there had been quite a few road closures due to flooding in Saline County. Also, the city of Dewitt was being closely monitored for potential flooding.
- D. William McPherson, Thayer County – Bill submitted his report prior to the meeting. A copy is included in the meeting packet. The city of Deshler experienced flooding again on April 26, 2016. This is the second serious flood in a year and the third flood in the past year overall. There was also flooding back on May 6, 2015 and June 6-7, 2015. This affected the 46 nursing home and assisted living residents which were evacuated as well as a dozen private home residents from 2 different homes. They are now working on a Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant to do a study on mitigation actions. Thayer County was selected by Spectra Energy as the subject jurisdiction for a level III release of Crude Oil from the Platte Pipeline where it intersects with Spring Creek southwest of Hebron. The Exercise is at the Ramada in Kearney on June 2, 2016. Bill will be in attendance. Thayer County Emergency Management is doing the complete revision of the LEOP that is due November 1, 2016.

10. Public Comments

Val Snyder stated that the Nebraska Pipeline Association is planning a training sometime in August in Lincoln. He will send out the information once final details are in place. The Beatrice Homestead staff thought they would be available to provide the training in September. This will be information regarding the plans for the 2017 solar eclipse. Mark Meints volunteered to set-up a training if the month of September does not work for the Homestead staff. Don Eisenhower encouraged the LEPC to have some type of training at each meeting as a way to have better member participation.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center.

12. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Mark Jobman, seconded by Mark Meints. Motion #5 passed unanimously.