

**Homestead LEPC**  
**June 5, 2014**  
**Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

**Minutes:**

**Attending**

Don Eisenhower	BJ Fictum	Brad Grummert	Steve Grummert
Patricia Hurd	Mark Jobman	Barry Jung	Tim McDermott
John McKee	David Niemeier	Kim Plouzek	Tim Stutzman
Sharon Vandegrift			

**1. Call to Order**

The 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**

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

**4. Reception of Visitors**

Others in attendance were Tonya Ngotel, NEMA.

**5. Applications for Membership**

A renewal application has been received from Joseph Grubbs, Jefferson County Ambulance. Kim Plouzek made a motion, seconded by Brad Grummert to accept the membership applications. Motion #2 passed unanimously.

**6. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Sharon Vandegrift moved and David Niemeier seconded to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 with the correction of the spelling of Sharon Vandegrift's name in Item #8 & #9. Motion #3 passed unanimously.

**7. Financial Report and Claims**

A motion was made by Sharon Vandegrift, seconded by Kim Plouzek to approve the claims. Motion #4 passed unanimously. Tonya did mention that there is still mini-grant funding available.

**8. Committee Reports**

- A. Website - Tim McDermott reported that the website is up and running. There has been some reformatting to the website.
- B. Recruitment – There has been no activity. The committee will be meeting at the end of the regular meeting to discuss future activity.
- C. Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee – There has been no activity. DHHS will be holding a webinar on mass fatalities. The PHSDHD will be a host site and invitations have been sent out regarding this training opportunity.

**9. Reports of Information Coordinators**

- A. Tim Stutzman, Gage County – Introduced himself as the new Emergency Manager BJ Fictum moved, seconded by John McKee to approve Tim's membership into the Homestead LEPC. There has been quite a lot of hail storm damage done this last week. There was also high wind with the possibility of tornado activity that has not been confirmed at this time.
- B. John McKee – There was a tornado on Mother's Day that damaged 23 pivots, 9 homesteads, 1 church and one minor injury. There is a funding opportunity for residents in Gage, Jefferson, and Saline

Counties to provide safe rooms. There were 43 applicants and all were approved with 75% reimbursement. There is 2 years left on this funding. The Lower NRD is the fiscal agent for this funding. There have been some issues with designating a safe room a public shelter because as soon as it is designated public it has to be large enough to hold the largest population.

- C. BJ Fictum, Saline County – There were two areas in Saline County that had tornado damage on Mother’s Day. 89 pivots, 1 house with outbuildings with an estimation of \$4.5 million in damage. There has been a hail storm with an estimation of \$3 million in damage. BJ attended the CAMEO class (computer management of operations) this last week. As part of this class there was discussion on Tier II reporting and the problem of sharing reports between the federal and state agencies. They also discussed facilities’ Emergency Response Plans and the facilities requirement of providing the plans. This includes not only industries but places such as schools, government buildings, and health care facilities. It is also an issue to make these facilities understand the need to integrate their internal plan with the outside emergency response agencies. There is a LEOP workshop in Lincoln in August.
- D. Jim Dunker, Fillmore County – He is at a training so there is no report.
- E. William McPherson, Thayer County – He is at a meeting so there is no report.

#### **10. Public Comments**

SERC has sent out correspondence regarding a change in railroad reporting requirements. This will be discussed again at the next SERC meeting with more information to follow. There will be the requirement that the railroads notify when they are transporting 100,000 gallons or more of bakken crude oil to SERC. Upon receiving the reports SERC will send the information on to the LEPCs along the affected route. There was discussion on the demand on the railroad system to transport the oil versus a pipeline.

#### **11. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center.

#### **12. Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by David Niemeier, seconded by Steve Grummert. Motion #5 passed unanimously.

