

Homestead LEPC
June 6, 2013
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice

Minutes:

Attending

Brian Daake	Don Eisenhower	BJ Fictum	Steve Grummert
Patricia Hurd	Barry Jung	James Klar	William McPherson
Mark Meints	David Niemeier	Rosemary Niemeier	Joe Oswalt
Kim Plouzek	Sharon Vandegrift		

1. Call to Order

The meeting 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 Meints seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion #1 passed unanimously.

4. Reception of Visitors

Others in attendance were Tonya Ngotel, NEMA; Mark Lohnes, NDEQ; Tim McDermott, Saline County Commissioner; Jim Conroy, Mark Engler, and Rob Ruskamp of the National Park Service

5. Applicaton for Membership

An application from Steve Grummert of Loveland Products, Inc. was submitted for acceptance. Kim Plouzek made a motion, seconded by William McPherson to accept the membership application. Motion #2 carried.

6. Minutes of the Last Meeting

BJ Fictum moved and David Niemeier seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012 meeting. Motion #3 passed unanimously.

Sharon Vandergrift moved, seconded by BJ Fictum to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2013 meeting. Motion #4 passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report and Claims

A motion was made by Mark Meints, seconded by Sharon Vandergrift to approve the claims. Motion #5 passed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

A. Website - There has been no activity.

B. Recruitment – There has been no activity.

C. Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee – The Regional 7 LEPC Conference will be held in Kansas City July 26 & 27 with a pre-conference workshop on July 25th. There is a conference fee and NEMA will cover the cost of the conference and hotel. There is an Ethanol Safety Seminar on June 12th in Grand Island and June 13th in Columbus. This will be put on by TransCaer and is a very good session. Joe Oswalt reported on a training session held at the ethanol E Energy Plant in Adams. This was very well attended. James Karl reported on an upcoming emergency drill that they will be conducting. Anyone who would like to attend can contact James and he will arrange admittance into the facility. There is an Intermediate ICS 300 session that will be held in Geneva on June 22 & 23. This is free for anyone wishing to attend.

9. Reports of Information Coordinators

- A. John McKee, Jefferson County – No report.
- B. Mark Meints, Gage County – March 28th there was a spill by a tank that had a structure failure at Crop Production Services in Beatrice. This happened on a day when there was the possibility of rain so it needed to be cleaned immediately. The DEQ was contacted regarding the clean up. A contract company came and started the clean up by Midnight and were finished by the next morning. The Gage County LEOPs has been submitted to the state. The state conference will be held in August at the Homestead. Mark is working to try to get Lancaster County to bring out the portable hospital. Information will be sent out to members closer to the event. An Incident Management support team has been formed with approximately 18 members and will be conducting a table top exercise.
- C. William McPherson, Thayer County – Crop Production Services also has a facility in Chester and Bill gave them an LEPC application. April 18th an ag movement exercise was conducted. Stop movement would be put in place should there ever be a need to stop transport of animals due to a disease outbreak. Several counties along the state's border have been assigned areas to monitor. There were a couple tornado touchdowns with minor damage in northern Thayer County, but there were no injuries and no residents were displaced due to the storm. In the process of putting together a NIMS Emergency Plan for the Thayer County Fair.
- D. BJ Fictum, Saline County – Mutual Aid training was held in Crete on March 16th. This was very well attended and will be planning another one next year. There were two small anhydrous ammonia leaks, one in Tobias and one in rural Wilber.

10. Public Comments

SERC will be meeting in Lincoln on July 2nd. Tonya encouraged anyone interested to attend. Jim Conroy with the National Park Service out of Omaha has been working with Mark Meints to address concerns should there ever be an incident at the Koch Industries plant. There would be the possibility of impact on the Homestead and the city of Beatrice should there be a chemical release. He encouraged having a table top, followed up by a full-scale exercise using Koch Industries as the facility. One of the reasons the LEPCs exist is to bring industry and emergency response together for these type of training exercises. BJ Fictum presented a video on the plant incident in Texas. There was discussion after the video regarding the reporting requirements for plants with the chemicals. The state requires reporting on Tier IIs but there is some confidential reporting to Homeland Security. This can become complicated for responders due to the need to keep specifics on chemicals confidential.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center. Mark Meints suggested having at least one meeting a year at one of the facilities so that members could tour the facility to get a better understanding. This will be put on the next meeting agenda.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mark Meints, seconded by BJ Fictum to adjourn the meeting. Motion #6 carried. Being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Roll Call & Roll Call Votes

Meeting Date: June 6, 2013

MOTIONS

Board Members	Roll Call		MOTIONS																	
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	Present	Absent	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
Daake, Brian	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Eisenhauer, Don	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Fictum, BJ	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Ford-Witthoff, Jane		X																		
Grubbs, Joe		X																		
Grummert, Steve	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Henning, Janet		X																		
Huges, Drew		X																		
Hurd, Patricia	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Jobman, Mark		X																		
Jung, Barry	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Klar, James	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Latimer, Robert		X																		
McKee, John		X																		
McPherson, William	X		X		X		X		X		X		X							
Meints, Mark	X		X		X		X		X		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		X		X		X		X		X		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																		
TOTALS	14	11	14		14		14		14		14		14		14					