

**Homestead LEPC  
June 26, 2015  
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

**Minutes:**

**Attending**

Jim Dunker	Don Eisenhower	Brad Grummert	Drew Hughes
Mark Jobman	John McKee	William McPherson	David Niemeier
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**

Brad Grummert moved and Sharon Vandegrift seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion #1 passed unanimously.

**4. Reception of Visitors**

There were no visitors in attendance.

**5. Applications for Membership**

A motion was made by William McPherson, seconded by John McKee to accept new membership application for David Wieting. Motion #2 passed unanimously.

**6. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Sharon Vandegrift moved and John McKee seconded to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015. Motion #3 passed unanimously.

**7. Financial Report and Claims**

A motion was made by Brad Grummert, seconded by Jim Dunker to approve the claims. Motion #4 passed unanimously.

**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 has been no activity. There is a free ammonia Safety Training in Omaha on June 30. The 2015 Region 7 LEPC Conference will be held in Nebraska City Aug 6–8. Sharon Vandegrift would be willing to attend if the LEPC would be willing to pay for associated travel expenses. A motion was made by Drew Hughes, seconded by Jim Dunker to pay these expenses. Motion #5 passed unanimously. Sharon will report back to the Homestead LEPC on the meeting. There is a Rail Safety Chlorine training in Omaha Aug 26–28.
- D. Committee Member Replacements – There was discussion on the vacancies on the committees. It was felt that the committees need to be reviewed to decide what committees are needed or the possibility of just creating workgroups. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

**9. Reports of Information Coordinators**

- A. Jim Dunker, Fillmore County – There has not been as much activity in Fillmore County as in the surrounding counties. There has been some minor flooding with water over the road. Toured Bioiberica, a processing plant in Geneva. They are in the process of bringing things up to OSHA

standards. Jim will be going back and will take some membership applications. Toured Verizon in Lincoln and they are in the process of updating to fiber in several places.

- B. Tim Stutzman, Gage County – No one present to report.
- C. John McKee, Jefferson County – There was a large livestock facility fire with departments reporting from several areas. There was a tornado that did very little damage. There was evacuation due to the record flooding in May. There were 3 places on the railroad tracks that had propane tanks that broke free during the flood. The President has officially declared this a federal disaster which will help release funding. This funding will be for public funding but not for individuals.
- D. BJ Fictum, Saline County – No one was present to report.
- E. William McPherson, Thayer County – There was 13 inches of rain on May 6th. Spring Creek and Snake Creek meet in Deshler and put approximately 6 feet of water between the Nursing Home and the Assisted Living facility. This created an evacuation of 43 residents. There was also flooding going on in Hebron due to the Blue River which the creeks also flow into this river. This did take out a bridge which will take time to replace. There were over 50 homes damaged from the flooding and 3 homes destroyed by a tornado. There has been a lot of livestock loss where even the carcasses have not been found. There was some more minor flooding in June. This did not involve any hazardous materials but there was quite a bit of sewage that backed up into residence basements.

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

There were no public comments.

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

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center.

#### **12. Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Brad Grummert, seconded by Jim Dunker. Motion #6 passed unanimously.

