

**Homestead LEPC
September 4, 2014
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

Minutes:

Attending

Jim Dunker	Don Eisenhower	BJ Fictum	Steve Grummert
Drew Hughes	Mark Jobman	Barry Jung	Tim McDermott
John McKee	William McPherson	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

BJ Fictum moved and Mark Jobman 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

There were no renewal or new membership applications.

6. Minutes of the Last Meeting

William McPherson moved and Jim Dunker seconded to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 with the change of the next meeting date to read Sept. 4, 2014. Motion #2 passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report and Claims

A motion was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by Tim McDermott to approve the claims. Motion #3 passed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

- A. Website – There is nothing new to report.
- B. Recruitment – There has been no activity.
- C. Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee – There has been no activity. At this time, Mark Meints has not renewed his membership. He is currently listed on this committee. It was decided not to replace his vacancy on this committee. There will be a Pipeline Association Meeting in Beatrice on September 25, 2014 that all LEPC members were encouraged to attend. They will also be holding a drawing and they will donate \$1,000 to the agency of the name drawn.

9. Reports of Information Coordinators

- A. Jim Dunker, Fillmore County – There was a traffic management training that was very well attended. Jim was given a tour of an ethanol plant. There is some of the Balken Oil that travels through Fairmont close to a facility that causes concern. There has been no storm response this last quarter. There will also be a pipeline meeting in York in October.
- B. Tim Stutzman, Gage County – He is in the process of learning all the duties connected to the position. He has attended the SERC and several other meetings. There haven't been any incidents this quarter.
- C. John McKee – There was the traffic management training also in his county that everyone felt was a good training. John & Jim attended the full scale exercise at Cooper Nuclear Station. Participated in

the National Night Out for the first time this year. Natural gas leak due to someone hitting with a mower. There has been rumors going around that the railroad will be unloading 3 trains of crude oil a day in Steele City. Tonya had not received any reports on this but she will follow up. There is a minimum of approximately 34 cars before they have to report. They might possibly be doing the 3 different trains with fewer cars so they are under the reporting limit. SERC has done a 5 year study on Hazmat and Tonya had a copy to pass around. Gage County is one of the highest incidents reporting in the state. This isn't necessarily a bad thing as it shows things are being properly reported. There was discussion that it isn't always known what is reportable and this might be a very good training topic.

- D. BJ Fictum, Saline County – There haven't been many weather events except for some recent flood warnings. A couple minor ammonia leaks that were quickly fixed. NIMS training will be held in November but location isn't set at this time. There will also be another NIMS training in late January after newly elected officials take office. BJ and Jim are working on a table top exercise for the LEOPs. There will be a dual county functional exercise sometime after the table top. There have now been 4 safe rooms installed in Saline County and there are 3 more currently being installed. The semi-annual radio show will be October 31st at 8:30 a.m. BJ brought up the possibility of requesting LEPC funds to help fund the table top exercise. Training had previously been discussed as a priority of the LEPC. He felt it would not be an overly large amount. A motion was made by William McPherson to allow the counties to submit a funding proposal for planning, training, and exercises. Motion #4 Carried.
- E. William McPherson, Thayer County – They are currently remodeling the Casey's in Hebron and in the process they are moving gas pumps around. The interesting thing is the company that is doing the work is called North Platte Hazmat Response. Tonya had information on this company and provided additional information. This company also provides training and can be a great resource. Thayer County Health Services, will be conducting a first receivers decon training on Sept 17 & 18 at the hospital in Hebron. This training is for the front line staff who would first see a patient. There will be several high school students that will be mock victims.

10. Public Comments

Tonya has sent out an email regarding the updating of the ERG. Sonya will forward this email to all Homestead LEPC members. There is a link should anyone wish to submit comments. The Safety Council will be holding a Conference on October 7th at the Cornhusker in Lincoln. The LEPC Guidebook has been sent out for review. The regional conference will be in Nebraska City the last weekend in August 2015 and members are encouraged to attend. There will be funding available for the conference fee and lodging.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center.

12. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by Barry Jung. Motion #5 passed unanimously.

