

**Homestead LEPC
December 1, 2011
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

Minutes:

Attending

Nicholas Capps-Henke	Don Eisenhower	BJ Fictum	Joe Grubbs
Patricia Hurd	Mark Jobman	John McKee	William McPherson
Mark Meints	Michael Moritz	Robert Moritz	David Niemeier
Rosemary Niemeier	Kim Plouzek	Sharon Vandegrift	Eric Voss

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 Shawn Weise, Dewitt Fire & Rescue; Chad Warren, Odell Fire; Mark Lohnes, NeDEQ; Tonya Ngotel, NEMA; Frank Coots, Crisis City; Barry Jung, Farmers Cooperative; Joe Oswald, E Energy Adams; and John Carrel, Beatrice Fire.

5. Applicaton for Membership

There were no new applications submitted for approval. Blank applications were distributed to the visitors present.

6. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mark Meints moved and John McKee seconded to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting. Motion #2 passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report and Claims

Financial report was sent out to all members prior to the meeting. Claims paid to the Beatrice Daily Sun, Fairbury Journal News, Crete News, and Hebron Journal Register for the public meeting notice need to be approved. A motion was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by David Niemeier to accept the financial report and approve the claims. Motion #3 passed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

- A.** Website – BJ Fictum passed out copies of the layout design for the website. Need to come up with a Mission Statement so it can be included on the website. It was suggested to use a statement similar to NEMAs. There will be links to other websites such as NEMA, EPA, DEQ. It will cost \$135 for 5 years for the domain name registration and set-up / design fee of \$25 per hour for approximately 15 hours. A motion was made by Eric Voss, seconded by William McPherson to proceed with the website. Motion #4 passed unanimously.
- B.** Recruitment – Nothing to report.
- C.** Training Committee – Frank Coots from Crisis City is in attendance and will be presenting at the end of the meeting. An application for HEMP grant funds has been submitted. This will fund training exercises each quarter such as table top exercises, GIS mapping, and hazardous materials training.

9. Reports of Information Coordinators

- A.** BJ Fictum, Saline County – There were no Hazmat incidents. Attended a pipeline safety training in York on Oct. 13th. B.J. had contacted the Dorchester Farmers Cooperative about the concerns discussed at the last meeting. Barry Jung from the Farmers Cooperative was present and helped answer questions and concerns. Dispatch had received calls about Dorchester mixing chemicals. The Farmers Cooperative was calling the Jefferson County Sheriff. There will be follow-up with the sheriff's department to be certain that they are passing on the information as needed.
- B.** John McKee, Jefferson County – The Jefferson County draft Emergency Ops Plan will be presented to the County Commissioners next week for approval. Once approved, it will be printed and distributed. There was a machine shed fire. Narrow banding law enforcement and EMS radios have been switched to digital. Dispatcher radios will still be available to use in both formats. There was an anhydrous release in Harbine due to a broken hose. Beatrice Hazmat was on the scene. Barry Jung from Farmers Cooperative would be willing to provide transport equipment that could be used for an anhydrous response training session. There was a shortage of man power that shows the need to increase mutual aid in the area.
- C.** Mark Meints, Gage County – Mutual Aid went to E Energy in Adams to tour the facility. There were two anhydrous transports that tipped but neither leaked. The vehicles were off loaded before being set upright. There was a railroad tie fire in Clatonia that required mutual aid. This used a lot of water and the Red Cross was onsite to help feed responders. Submitted a Citizen Corp mini-grant for safety kits. Participated in a winter weather awareness day event. The Beatrice paper ran an article about the Civil Air Patrol at the armory in Beatrice. This will be activated through NEMA and cross trained with SERC and the Red Cross.
- D.** William McPherson, Thayer County – There were no Hazmat incidents reported but had been talk about a smell, but no source confirmed. Attended the mutual aid meeting and training on Oct 13th. Also attended the pipeline safety meeting in York. There is a need for shelter and place in Thayer County. On Dec 6th there was an emergency planning meeting in Hebron.

10. Funding for LEPC

A \$7,000 HEMP grant was submitted as previously discussed during the committee reports.

11. Training Opportunities

Frank Coots from Crisis City gave a presentation on the 156 acre training complex they have available for use. There are 44 fenced acres and 112 unfenced acres. The complex was designed by Kansas First Responders. The ground is owned by the USAF but the building facilities are owned by Kansas. The mission for the facility is a training complex; alternate SEOC; and a deployable resources site. There is a cost to use the facility, but they would reduce the cost for organizations such as a local LEPC.

12. Membership Applications

Shawn Weise, Dewitt Fire & Rescue; Chad Warren, Odell Fire; Barry Jung, Farmers Cooperative; and Joe Oswalt, E Energy Adams have completed their membership applications. A motion was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by Kim Plouzek to approve them for membership. Motion #5 passed unanimously.

13. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting dates will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 1, 2012
- Thursday, June 7, 2012

15. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Eric Voss, seconded by John McKee. Motion #6 passed unanimously.

