

**Homestead LEPC
December 6, 2012
Homestead Monument Education Center – Beatrice**

Minutes:

Attending

Brian Daake	Don Eisenhower	BJ Fictum	Janet Henning
Drew Hughes	Patricia Hurd	Barry Jung	Robert Latimer
John McKee	William McPherson	Mark Meints	Michael Moritz
David Niemeier	Rosemary Niemeier	Joe Oswalt	Sharon Vandegrift
Ric Voelker			

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

John McKee moved and Janet Henning seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion #1 passed unanimously.

4. Reception of Visitors

Others in attendance were Tonya Ngotel, NEMA.

5. Applicaton for Membership

There were no new applications submitted for approval.

6. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Sharon Vandegrift moved and David Niemeier seconded to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2012 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 notices need to be approved. A motion was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by William McPherson to accept the financial report. Mark Meints questioned what the plan is for the membership dues billed to the County Emergency Managers. He has not paid the dues as the County Commissioners wanted more information before approved. The original plan was to use these funds for training exercises. At this time, only the counties have been billed for membership through the Emergency Managers budget. It was decided that there is a need to develop a plan and budget to use these funds for training exercises, industry hazmat assessment, and to promote further membership. It was questioned if the other members were to contribute. It was felt that there would be other industries that would be willing to contribute if needed. It is mandatory for the counties to have an LEPC as a way to help emergency response and industries. Individual members could be asked to pay for training or to contribute for a specific item, such as a needed piece of equipment. The motion to accept the financial reports, Motion #3, passed unanimously. A motion was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by William McPherson to change the Training Committee to the Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee with the addition of at least two more members to the committee. Motion #4 passed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

- A. Website - Nothing to report.
- B. Recruitment – Robert Latimer will reach out to Kinder Morgan to see if they want to join.
- C. Training Committee – A motion was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by Brian Daake to add Ric Voelker, James Kral, and Joe Oswalt to serve on the Planning, Exercise, and Training Committee. Motion #5 passed unanimously. The committee will meet and appoint a chair at their first meeting. 3-33 Mutual Aid Training Day is scheduled for Febr 23, 2013 at the Fairbury Rural Fire Department. Lunch is provided by the Mutual Aid Group. The flyer will be emailed out to all LEPC members.

9. Reports of Information Coordinators

- A. John McKee, Jefferson County – There were bomb threats received by most counties in Southeast Nebraska. The Jefferson County Sheriff left it up to the County Officials on closing for the remainder of the day or re-opening, since it had been wide-spread threats and the risk was lower. All the officials felt comfortable returning to work. The Jefferson County Community Hospital had a haz-mat incident. This happened around Noon on a Friday. Employees tried to handle the situation, but had to request outside help. It was an unknown chemical so unified command requested help from the Civil Support Team, which arrived mid-afternoon. It took less than 4 minutes to have the Governor sign an emergency declaration. Within 45 minutes, the approximately 80 to 90 residents were evacuated from the Assisted Living / Long Term Care facilities. The decision was made to evacuate the whole hospital and those patients were evacuated within an hour. The Long Term Care patients were taken to a local church which was close to the Heritage Care Center. This was very convenient as they were able to get any supplies needed from the care center. This event showed a need to have MOUs signed with the pharmacies for needed medications. The biggest issue was getting the cooperation from the physicians. It was determined to be a chlorine gas. 5 employees were overcome with the fumes, but none needed to be hospitalized. The employees had left water running, which was one of the best things as it helped flush out the chemicals. All residents and patients were able to be back into the facility by 10:30 a.m. the following morning. It was discovered that there are 5 chemicals used in the laundry and somehow 2 of these chemicals mixed. It is still not known how this happened. One of the chemicals will no longer be used to reduce risk of this happening again. Serving on committees such as the Homestead LEPC proved to be very important during this event, as was able to know the people that responded. It does show how important it is to have table top exercises, training, and drills.
- B. BJ Fictum, Saline County – A bomb threat was also received by Saline County, but the County Officials chose to keep the Courthouse closed for the day. The officials did hold several debriefings following the threat. One item that came out as an after-action, was not to use the same line to dial out, as it hindered being able to track the call. There was an anhydrous ammonia leak in Wilber. BJ attended a Flood Risk Planning meeting.
- C. Mark Meints, Gage County – Gage County received the bomb threat and did not re-open the Courthouse. The County Supervisors are meeting with individuals and emergency responders to follow-up on the event. Mark attended the NE exercise training and planning. There were 3 different hazards: cyber attack; Kingsley Dam in Ogallala; and a pandemic influenza outbreak. There is a program available for funding for safe rooms. The jurisdiction does need to have an approved plan in place in order to apply for the funds.
- D. William McPherson, Thayer County – The Pipeline Association held informational meeting in October. No one from the fire department could attend so Kinder Morgan came to a meeting with the presentation. Thayer County did not receive a bomb threat but still held an exercise for training. The Bruning-Davenport school requested help on a tornado plan. There has been a table-top exercise and will be having a full scale exercise on Dec 20, 2012. The Deshler Housing Authority is looking at putting in an application for funding of a safe room. Working on a grant application for improving the sirens.

10. Funding for LEPC

This item was discussed during the financial report.

11. Training Opportunities

The Regional LEPC Conference will be held July 26 – 27, 2013 in Kansas City. SEMA will pay for the registration fee to attend. There will be a Hazmat Symposium April 5 – 6, 2013 in Kearney.

12. Public Comments

The State Emergency Response Commission has 3 openings for City / County representatives. These do need to be elected not appointed officials. The DEQ is doing an exercise with the pipeline. This drill is based on two locations. There was a similar drill in Yankton, SD that ran a simulated release on the Missouri river. This shows that businesses, facilities, and the LEPC are all doing training exercises. It would be beneficial to better coordinate these exercises so more entities are involved.

There was not a motion earlier to accept the By-Law changes. A motion was made by Mark Meints, seconded by Brian Daake to accept the By-Law changes. Motion #6 passed unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead National Monument Education Center on Thursday, March 7, 2013.

14. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by BJ Fictum, seconded by Brian Daake. Motion #7 passed unanimously.

Tri County LEPC
Roll Call & Roll Call Votes

Meeting Date: December 6, 2012

Board Members		MOTIONS																			
		Roll Call		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
		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		X						
Eisenhauer, Don	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Fictum, BJ	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Ford-Witthoff, Jane		X																			
Grubbs, Joe		X																			
Henning, Janet	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Hughes, Drew	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Hurd, Patricia	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Jobman, Mark		X																			
Jung, Barry	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Latimer, Robert	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
McKee, John	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
McPherson, William	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Meints, Mark	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Moritz, Michael	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Niemeier, David	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Niemeier, Rosemary	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Oswald, Joe	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Plouzek, Kim		X																			
Vandegrift, Sharon	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Ric Voelker	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X						
Voss, Eric		X																			
Warren, Chad		X																			
Waszgis, Jeffrey		X																			
Weise, Shawn		X																			
Woodall, Joseph		X																			
TOTALS	17	9	17		17		17		17		17		17		17						