

MINUTES  
HARVEY COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
McKinley Administrative Center  
308 E. 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton, KS  
October 9, 2019 @ 9:00 am

Present: Jeremy Ashby, Dan Bronson, Russ Buller, Skip Cowan, Kent Riemann, Marianne Eichelberger, Bryan Ellis, Brian Palmer, Tina Pain, Lynnette Redington, Jack Queen, Ryan Boggs, Daniel Keane, Ashlie Banes, and Gary Denny.

1. Brian Palmer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Brian Palmer asked for a motion to approve December 11, 2019 agenda. Gary Denny advised adding a 2020 LEPC Leadership Overview to the agenda. Brian Palmer asked for a motion to approve December 11, 2019 agenda, Jeremy Ashby made the motion seconded by Lynnette Redington, **agenda approved**. Brian Palmer asked for a motion to approve the October 9, 2019 minutes. Chip Westfall made the motion and was seconded by Skip Cowan, **minutes approved**.
3. Old Business

Speaker: Gary Denny began speaking toward the upcoming events in 2020. Gary presented the group with the Harvey County 2020 - 2022 Training Exercise Plan. Gary spoke about the various opportunities provided for LEPC members and the community.

Denny then turned the floor over to Skip Cowan.

Speaker: Skip Cowan advised the committee of an upcoming training exercise held by the State of Kansas. This exercise will be held in April from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. The exercise will simulate an infectious disease outbreak in our community. This is expected to involve many disciplines of the community government.

4. New Business

Industry Partner Spotlight: Farmers COOP

Speakers: Jack Queen, General Manager of the business, began the presentation by educating the group on the history of the Farmers COOP. Established in 1918, the business is over a century old and continues to grow. Jack spoke about the various locations in Patterson, Bentley, and Mt. Hope.

Speaker: Ryan Boggs the Safety and Compliance Director from Ag Service LLC then began speaking about the different safety challenges seen in the many areas of Farmers COOP such as dated man lifts in elevators, and various chemical components.

Speaker: Ryan Boggs ended the presentation and opened the floor for questions. After questions had been answered, Boggs expressed willingness to be a part in upcoming exercises and meetings in the future.

#### In-depth look at ESF's: ESF #10-Oil and Hazardous Materials Response

Speaker: Gary Denny began a presentation on Harvey County's Emergency Support Function regarding Hazardous Materials. Gary informed the committee the proper procedures and what disciplines would be activated in the event of a hazardous materials event. Denny assured the committee that Harvey County has the capability to manage a majority of hazardous material events.

The committee was also educated on EPCRA the Emergency Planning Right-to-Know Act. The link between industry partners and the citizens of our community with our Emergency Management acting as a liaison in between the two.

#### Vice Chair Vacancy

Speaker: Brian Palmer advised that the LEPC committee is in need of a Vice Chair.

#### Allotted Time Frame to Conduct Business

Speaker: Gary Denny spoke with the committee regarding the allotted time frame for meetings. Denny stated recognition of busy schedules for LEPC committee members as such Gary stated that in the future LEPC meetings will be extending its time to an hour and a half to accommodate industry partners presentations as well as other business.

#### 2020 LEPC Leadership Overview

Speaker: Gary Denny outlined the 2020 LEPC Leadership Overview. Gary stressed the importance of growing relations with industry partners as well as review of the Emergency Operations Plan through highlighting different Emergency Support Functions.

#### 5. Upcoming Training Opportunities

Speaker: Bryan Ellis handed out a Training Calendar highlighting training opportunities from January to April 2020. Bryan outlined many courses then encouraged committee members to spread the word to their employees.

6. Brian Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn the December 11, 2019 meeting. Russ Buller made the motion seconded by Jeremy Ashby.

Next Meeting will be held February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Meeting adjourned.