

MINUTES  
HARVEY COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
Newton City/County Airport  
810 N. Oliver  
Newton, Kansas 67114  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 9:00 am

Present: Larry Alexander, Mike Anderson, Gloria Arellano, Skip Cowan, Jamie Dehler, Brody Flavin, Daniel Keane, Lona Kelly, Monica Leonard, Jim Meier, Lee Miller, Janie Mosqueda, Brian Palmer, Molly Redinger, Becky Reimer, Steve Roberson, Richard Roller, John Stinson, Anthony Swartzendruber

Brody Flavin called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Mr. Flavin asked the committee if anyone had any questions about the agenda, no questions or concerns were brought forth, Mr. Flavin then accepted the agenda without a motion. **Agenda Approved.**

Mr. Flavin then asked if there were any corrections or additions that need to be addressed in regards to the minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting. Mike Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Steve Roberson seconded the motion, **Minutes Accepted.**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business - None**

**1. Presentation -**

Brian Palmer, Director of the Newton City/County Airport, took the floor and gave a presentation of what all the airport has to offer the LEPC members, Harvey County, and city of Newton.

Mr. Palmer shared how the hanger in which we were meeting, “Hanger A”, was built in 1935. He explained that the airport has 25 buildings currently with four rows of what they refer to as “T hangers”, like the one we were currently meeting in. The airport employs over 500 people because of the tenants on the airport grounds. There is 7000 feet of runway that is 100 feet wide.

There are plenty of assets to the airport, but a few Mr. Palmer mentioned were the space they have in the open hangers and facilities. If an incident should occur within the County it would be a great place for staging on the Emergency Management front as it can provide its own water, restrooms and electricity during the incident. One building has two

separate refrigerators that can hold a lot of items. They also have on hand 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel as well as 30,000 of regular fuel.

Mr. Palmer also advised that Newton Airport is a relief airport of Eisenhower Airport in Wichita, Kansas and gave a few examples where plans have been diverted to Newton or the airport was placed on standby for an emergency landing. He also shared that Tanker 95 has flown out of the airport and been used for several training scenarios with the National Guard for bucket deployment.

The largest tenet currently at the airport is Park Aerospace who is the biggest employer followed by Hesston College, Afcon Industries, Midwest Aircraft, Webco Industries and Ballard Aviation.

After a few questions in regards to the operations of the airport Mr. Palmer showed everyone around the “Hanger A” facility and discussed some of the planes that were taking off and housed in that unit. He then turned the floor back over to Brody Flavin.

- 2. Adjournment:** Brody Flavin then asked if any of the committee members had any further questions, as none were brought forth Mr. Flavin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Skip Cowman made the motion which was seconded by Steve Roberson, therefore the meeting was **adjourned at 10:03 am**

**Next Meeting Next meeting June 12, 2024  
Harvey County Emergency Operations Center  
120 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Newton, KS 67114**