

# Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting April 28, 2003

Chairman Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room B-C at Good Samaritan Hospital.

## Roll call

**Present :** (13): Robert Anderson, Matt Boerkircher, Don Engel Jr., Vern Fiala, Ken Gardner, Dale Gibbs, Judy Jobman, Tim Loewenstein, Dan Lynch, Wesley Quail, Dan Saathoff, Kim Schmidt and Harlan Simmerman.

**Excused:** (5): Greg France, Allen Johnson, Jim Kowalewski, Mike Martinosky and Ken Tracy

**Absent:** none

There was a quorum present.

## Approval of Minutes

*Motion made by Lynch, seconded by Gardner to approve the minutes of January 27, 2003. Motion carried.*

## Oral Communication

Lynch and Anderson shared information concerning two spill incidents. One was in March and one in April. With both incidents, information shared to the authorities was vague and the calls were made to our local authorities after much time had elapsed. A couple of conclusions were drawn after these incidents. We probably need a debriefing of all agencies involved before any information is dispensed concerning a spill and when there is a county wide problem, there needs to be a incident command post set up to advise all involved to meet at a different location.

## Old Business

### Clean Community System Hazardous Household Cleanup Day

Gardner and Boerkircher reported on the day.

## Collected:

- 8 drums of paint and related liquids
- 2 drums of liquid pesticide
- 2 drums of solid pesticide
- 1 container of corrosive liquids
- 1 container of oxidizer liquids
- 200 gallons of used oil
- 500 pounds of computers
- 1600 pounds of batteries

A total of 240 households went through  
144 vehicles drove through  
96 vehicles drove through with more than one household inside

There were a total of 31 volunteers working a total of 171 ¾ hours

Other communities that brought in household chemicals were:  
Ravenna, Pleasanton, Gibbon and Shelton

Schmidt shared she had placed four articles in the Hub concerning the Clean  
Community Hazardous Household Clean up day.

The Survey conducted and the compiled results follow:

*144 vehicles -*

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SURVEY

You may check more than one when appropriate

COMMUNITY AND/OR COUNTY YOU RESIDE IN: *Hearney - Buffalo County*  
*Households*

1 241 From how many home did you bring Household Hazardous Waste?  
(Just your house - 1) Yours and a neighbor or friend(s) etc.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been storing the majority of your waste?  
a) 37 a year                      b) 67 5 years  
c) 37 10 years                      d) 11 20 years

3 \_\_\_\_\_ How often would you like to see a Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled?  
a) 51 2 x per year    b) 82 annually    c) 6 18 months

4 \_\_\_\_\_ What type of service(s) do you feel should be available for disposal of Household Hazardous Waste?  
*90* - a) Permanent collection systems where disposal is available at all times  
*44* - b) Printed information on proper disposal methods  
*14* - c) Printed information on safer alternatives

5 \_\_\_\_\_ If a cleanup day such as this was not available, what would you have done with your Household hazardous materials?  
a) 71 Stored it                      b) 35 Don't know  
c) 0 Put down sink or drain                      d) 15 Put in trash  
e) 24 Oil to location which would take it f) 8 Other

6 \_\_\_\_\_ What age group are you in?  
a) 8 Up to 30 yeras old                      b) 15 31 to 40 years old  
c) 29 41 to 50 years old                      d) 88 51 or over

7 \_\_\_\_\_ Any comments concerning the household hazardous waste cleanup day?  
*See next sheet*

8 \_\_\_\_\_ How did you learn about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day?  
a) 113 Newspaper                      b) 13 Flyer                      c) 19 Radio  
d) 5 TV                      e) 12 Other

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY. Your information will help inform us of the needs in your community and county.

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COMMENTS – QUESTION #7

Thank you so much  
Great deal  
Love it  
Glad to have cleanup day  
You are great folks to do this  
We appreciate it  
Good for environment  
Good program  
Great Service  
Good day  
4 – Glad to have a place to take it  
2 – Good thing  
8 – Thank you very much  
Appreciate the opportunity  
Good thing to have  
6 – Thanks  
Great idea or else it would be stored or dumped where it shouldn't  
7 – Good idea  
2 – Great idea  
Great to have event for environment, health and safety  
Thanks for taking it off our hands  
Excellent idea  
Glad you had it  
Valuable service  
6 – Great  
Nice on a given day  
Appreciate very much  
Wonderful service  
Glad to have it  
Good job – Thanks  
Good  
This is great  
Great way to cleanup right  
Very good  
Great effort  
Glad offered service  
4 – Thank you for doing it  
4 – Thank you

Get rid of long waiting line  
Start on time  
Tell businesses if they have to pay – put in newspaper

Loewenstein and Lynch discussed and updated the LEPC about a program called Digital Information Network Desktop alerts and what it could provide.

**Buffalo County LEPC Web page**

Gardner stated he needs information to put on the web  
After discussion the members felt the following items should be placed on our web page

- What is LEPC?
- Minutes of our meetings after approval
- Current LEPC Members with phone numbers and possibly addresses
- Links to other web sites
  - i.e.: City of Kearney, Buffalo County, and DEQ

## **New Business**

Chairman Loewenstein asked for nominations of officers for 2003-2004.

Anderson moved, seconded by Lynch to nominate Loewenstein for Chairman. Lynch moved nominations cease, seconded by Gibbs. Motion carried and Loewenstein unanimously elected Chairman.

Anderson moved, seconded by Lynch to nominate Gardner as Vice-Chair. Anderson moved nominations cease, seconded by Simmerman. Motion carried, Gardner unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Loewenstein stated Jobman would remain as the Secretary, None voiced disagreement.

Next meeting will be on July 28, 2003 at the Kearney Hub, Schmidt will arrange for a tour of the Hub at 7:00P.M.

## **Reports**

Loewenstein and Lynch reported there should be an Emergency Manager in place within 45 days.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Loewenstein declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34P.M. until the next meeting on July 28, 2003 7:30p.m at the Kearney Hub.