

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting July 28, 2003

Members met at 7:00 p.m for a very informative tour of the Kearney Hub facility led by LEPC member Kim Schmidt.

Chairman Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 7:25p.m in the Kearney Hub's conference room.

Roll call

Present (14): Matt Borerkircher, Don Engel Jr, Vern Fiala, Ken Gardner, Dale Gibbs, Judy Jobman, Jim Kowalewski, Darrin Lewis, Tim Loewenstein, Dan Lynch, Mike Martinosky, Wesley Quail, Kim Schmidt and Ken Tracy

Excused (4): Robert Anderson, Greg France, Allen Johnson, Dan Saathoff and Harlan Simmerman

Absent (1): Harlan Simmerman

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Ken Tracy, seconded by Vern Fiala to approve the minutes of April 28, 2003. Motion carried.

Chairman Loewenstein introduced and welcomed new Emergency Manager Darrin Lewis to the LEPC Committee. Darrin stated he was glad to be Buffalo County and was looking forward to working with everyone.

Oral Communication

There was no oral communication.

Old Business

Discussion was held on the LEPC website. Ken Gardner stated he worked with Buffalo County Information Technology Manager, Binit Pradhanang on the site and will be requesting Binit's help again. He advised all of the LEPC committee members to share with him any information they might have for the Web page.

New Business

Ken Gardner shared information concerning the Clean Community System Hazardous Household Cleanup Day for 2004. He stated Betty Curtis has the 2004 grant ready to submit for \$9,000 and her need of our \$9,000 match guarantee and advised of the remaining available dates for the event next year. Lynch and Loewenstein stated they would ask for project match money of \$4,500 each from their respective entities the City of Kearney and Buffalo County.

Motion by Lynch, seconded by Fiala to select the dates for the Clean Community System Hazardous Household Cleanup Day in 2004 in the following request order: (1) May 1; (2) June 26 and (3) June 12.

Next meeting

Next meeting is April 28, 2003 at 7:30P.M at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Reports

Loewenstein and Lynch reported on a situation that transpired concerning a possible gas leak at the Buffalo County Courthouse earlier in the month. Discussion was held with the LEPC group concerning the potential risks if it would have been a true emergency, options of solutions to the problem and the need for policy creation by Buffalo County in regard to similar situations.

Loewenstein explained the Buffalo Watch Alert System and handed out palm cards for members to distribute at their various entities. The cards list the web address for any citizen to download to their computer and he advised 16,000 will be presented to schools in the Buffalo County and surrounding watch area for their distribution.



Adjournment

Chairman Loewenstein adjourned the meeting at 8:17P.M. until the next meeting on October 27, 2003 at Good Samaritan Hospital in room B-C.