

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting July 24, 2006

Vice-Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Law Enforcement Center.

Roll call

present (12): Dean Aden, Robert Anderson , Vern Fiala, Judy Jobman, Darrin Lewis, Dan Lynch, Mike Martinosky, Brian Mendenhall, Wesley Quail, Dan Saathoff, Amy Schweitzer and Jerry Thompson.

excused (5): Amy Elwood, Don Engel Jr., Tim Loewenstein, Michael Morgan and Ken Tracy.

absent (1): Harlan Simmerman

visitor (1): Randy John new Miller Fire Chief

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Lynch, seconded by Fiala to approve the minutes of April 24, 2006.
Motion carried.

Each member introduced themselves and the entity they represented as new members Dean Aden, Brian Mendenhall and Amy Schweitzer and visitor Randy John were welcomed to our meeting. Wes Quail announced he was no longer the Miller Fire Chief so was attending his last meeting and said the new Fire Chief was Randy John.

Oral Communication

Darrin reported on the LEPC Conference he attended in Beatrice on July 13-15, 2006. He handed out CD's to the members with the information presented at the conference which included: the National Response Plan, EM Handbook, State Strategy, Generic LEOP, Emergency Management Account, Outreach, EPCRA and SEOP. He shared a little information about the Katrina Response and advised that School Chemical Clean up is going to be a big issue this year. Lewis also shared copies of the CD he viewed for those present called "STOP Leave it Alone, Get a Grown Up" which is an interactive game to teach children about chemicals and the danger.

Old Business

Lynch advised, the housing of the Mobile command center was still being looked into. LEPC members offered a few possible options for discussion.

Discussion was held on access to the LEPC information available on the website and agreed there is further information which could be added. Some suggestions were: "Shelter in Place", severe weather, weather preparedness, committee members and other information which the Emergency Manager will discuss with the County (IT) Information Technology person and hopefully have placed on the LEPC website before our October meeting.

Emergency Manger Lewis updated the LEPC members on the VOAD renamed COAD meeting which was held on July 20, 2006. Beth Jochen the Red Cross director and Chairperson of COAD has resigned. The new director of the Red Cross has not been named so our members who serve on the COAD will keep us informed about COAD. No scheduled joint meeting is needed at this time.

The Pandemic influenza training provided by Two Rivers Health Department was well attended and plans and guidelines were discussed for when an outbreak occurs, with attendees each given homework to complete a form prioritizing critical functions done by their entity and the positions necessary to carry out the function in case of a Pandemic outbreak.

New Business

Dan Saathoff reported on the LEPC shirts which he and Anderson have been researching for the current members. Dan advised Eaton's' will purchase a total of two shirts for each of us, one blue and one red. The logo will be embroidered so when Dan receives them he will give them to County Clerk Jobman for dispersing.

Motion made by Lynch, seconded by Martinosky that Secretary Jobman draft a letter to Kevin Matson at Eaton's for Chairman Loewenstein's signature when they are received. Motion carried unanimously



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A letter was read advising the appointees to fill the vacancies on the LEPC committee were approved by the Governor. Those approved were: Robert Anderson Buffalo County Sheriff's, (representing Law Enforcement); Judy Jobman, Buffalo County Clerk, (representing Elected and Appointed Officials) and Ken Tracy Kearney Fire (representing suburban fire) Amy Schweitzer from the Kearney Hub (represent Media Communications) and Brian Mendenhall from Baldwins from (Local Environmental and Transportation Agencies).

Darrin reported on the Buffalo County Emergency Management and the Hastings Weather Service Server Weather Spotter training class is held annually the first week in March, LEPC committee members are always welcome so Darrin doesn't feel at the present time the need to schedule additional training.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Eaton Corporation located at 4200 East Hwy 30, Kearney, Nebraska at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Jobman, Secretary