

Thomas – Blaine – Loup – Garfield LEPC

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

2:00 PM

The LEPC meeting for the Counties of Thomas, Blaine, Loup and Garfield Counties was called order by at 2:30 PM by Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Manager and Director.

Present:

Marvin Hulinsky, Burwell Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Glen Albers, Maverick Fertilizer and Burwell Volunteer Fire

Larry Donner, Garfield County Sheriff, Garfield County Emergency Manager

Laura Kraus, Red Cross and Loup County Fire & Rescue

Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management

Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management

Alma Beland reviewed what was discussed at the November 2015 organizational meeting and what our goals were for this meeting to start the LEPC for these four counties.

The name to for the LEPC was decided upon by those present to use the acronym of the respective County's first Letter. The name will be TBLG LEPC for now.

Alma brought out the minimum requirements for the LEPC. Those present filled out a membership form. Officer duties were gone over and election of officers was held. Alma asked for nominations for Chairman. After discussion of who could and would take it on, Glen Albers volunteered. Laura Kraus volunteered to be the Information Coordinator, Marvin Hulinsky the Vice-Chairman. Alma said that the Secretary/Treasurer position can be handled by Region 26 Emergency Management personnel Alma Beland and Linda Lewis.

By-laws were presented and each person was to read through them before next meeting when they can be discussed and action taken to adopt.

The Tier II reports were discussed and reviewed from 2015. The west counties were discussed for what they might have for hazardous materials which would include the railroad and transportation traveling through the counties. Also there was discussion on how to bring more members onboard the Committee and that it is necessary to have a County Commissioner included in the membership. Glen Albers suggested we try to have a meeting that direction sometime. Marvin asked about flip folders we had before for information to give to the public on what to do if there was a disaster on hazardous materials, tornadoes, etc. We could hand out information at health fairs. Alma said she would check on what was available.

Alma encouraged everyone to attend a Severe Weather Awareness Training held by the Weather Service coming up in March and April.

It was decided to have one more meeting next month to get things more organized and with more members before we turn it into a quarterly meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16th, at 2PM located at the Region 26 EOC in Taylor. After that the quarterly meetings for the year will be on the third Tuesday at 2PM on May 17th, August 16th and November 15th with locations to be determined for the quarterly dates.

Chairman Glen Albers adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Alma Beland