

Thomas – Blaine – Loup – Garfield LEPC

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

2:00 PM

The LEPC meeting for the Counties of Thomas, Blaine, Loup and Garfield Counties was called order by at 2:00PM 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

Sarah Swett, Loup Basin Public Health District

Kirby Holloway, Garfield County Sheriff's Office

Trevor Kraus, Loup County Sheriff, Loup County EM & Fire Chief

Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management

Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management

Alma Beland explained the history behind the formation of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and why each county is mandated to have one or several counties form one LEPC. The "Right to Know Act" was mentioned and explained that the public sector has the right to know what is in their neighborhood as far as chemicals and hazardous materials. It is now our duty and requirement to provide a place for the public to inquire or through materials be educated on how they can stay safe.

Examples of educational materials for the public where handed out explaining what to do if you were told to take shelter or shelter in place. Other suggestions were made to educate the people and will be considered when there is an opportunity to talk with the public.

Those in attendance thought it would be a good thing to continue with meetings and set one up for January 12, 2016 to be held at Region 26 EOC in Taylor.

Submitted by Linda Lewis

Acting secretary