

## **Thomas – Blaine – Loup – Garfield LEPC**

Annual Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

2:00 PM

Present:

Glen Albers, Maverick Fertilizer and Burwell Volunteer Fire

Marvin Hulinsky, Burwell Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Laura Kraus, Red Cross and Loup County Fire & Rescue

Paige Measner, Garfield County Commissioner

Tim Jordan, Village of Taylor Board and Maintenance

Ashley Jeffres, Loup Basin Public Health District

Elizabeth Burk, Blaine County Rescue

Larry Donner, Garfield Sheriff's Office & Emergency Management

Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management

Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management

The Annual LEPC meeting for the Counties of Thomas, Blaine, Loup and Garfield was called to order by Chairman Glen Albers at 2:05. The Open Meeting Laws were brought to everyone's attention.

Tim Jordan moved, seconded by Paige Measner to approve the November 15, 2016 minutes as presented. Vote, All Ayes.

### **Old Business**

**Region 26 Weather Symposium:** Alma reminded everyone that on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm to 5pm at the Trotter Event Center in Ord. There will be a LEPC booth representing all Region 26 Counties and are encouraged to help man the booth if available. The other booths planned will be geared towards educating all ages of the public. There will be door prizes and a children's education corner. The plan is to get a storm chaser; Nathan Moore's name was suggested as he'd from Kearney. Any suggestions and help would be welcomed.

### **Exercise Details:**

**Loup County:** The Situational Manual was reviewed and except for a few changes is ready for the exercise. Laura Kraus thought it would be a good idea to invite someone from the Junior Rodeo Board.

**Garfield County:** We went over the invitation list and discussed others that should be included. As a general rule we will use the same idea for the Garfield County exercise as we are using for the Loup County's. The focus will be the aftermath and not so much pre-event or main event issues.

For both exercises continuing education hours will be awarded for EMS and Law Enforcement.

### **New Business**

**Severe Weather Awareness Dates:** Thomas County will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Thedford Fire Hall at 7:00pm; Garfield County will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Commons Area at the Burwell High School at 7:00pm; Blaine County will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sandhills High School at 7:00pm. Loup County may schedule one.

**Siren Protocol:** Alma sees a need to have written material in each town with a siren explaining the different reasons why a siren may be activated. This could be posted in different areas or in Motel rooms. If you are visiting or are new to a town it can be frightening to not know

why a siren is going off. The towns in this LEPC that have sirens are Thedford, Halsey, Dunning, Brewster, Taylor and Burwell. The only siren that Region 26 cannot set off is Burwell's. The best way to develop this information is to meet with the City/Village Boards, Police Departments, Sheriff's and Fire Departments for each location of a siren.

**Weather Event Support:** The Weather Service is willing to support our events whether in person, a phone call, text and email. The events that would like to have this support need to also have a Point of Contact since Alma will not be able to be the point of contact for them all like she did last year. A core group needs to be developed for each event and that group would then set up standards on how they will use the information provided by the weather service.

### **Review Tier II Reports**

Tier II Reports were reviewed and if any more come in will end out in email to be reviewed since there will not be a meeting before Annual Report is due to state.

### **Election of Officers**

Marvin Hulinsky moved, seconded by Paige Measner for all officers to stay the same.  
Vote, all ayes.

Chairman – Glen Albers

Vice Chairman – Marvin Hulinsky

Coordinator of Information – Laura Kraus

Secretary/Treasurer – Linda Lewis

### **Other Business**

Ashley informed us that North Central District Health Department was offering the ICS 300 class in O'Neill on February 27th – March 1<sup>st</sup> and the ICS 400 March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting dates were discussed and decided there was less conflict moving the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month for the quarterly meetings.

There being no other business Chairman Glen Albers adjourned the meeting at 4:17PM.

Next meeting will be May 10, 2017 at 2PM at Region 26 EOC.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary-Treasurer  
Linda Lewis