

Thomas – Blaine – Loup – Garfield LEPC

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

2:00 PM

Present:

Glen Albers, Maverick Fertilizer and Burwell Volunteer Fire

Marvin Hulinsky, Burwell Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Larry Donner, Garfield County Sheriff, Garfield County Emergency Manager

Laura Kraus, Red Cross and Loup County Fire & Rescue

Paige Measner, Garfield County Commissioner

Tim Jordan, Maintenance for Village of Taylor

Kevin Hood, Thomas County Emergency Manager via Telephone Conference

Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management

Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management

The LEPC meeting for the Counties of Thomas, Blaine, Loup and Garfield was called to order by Chairman Glen Albers at 2:04. The Open Meeting Laws were brought to everyone's attention.

Laura Kraus moved, seconded by Alma Beland to approve the minutes as read. Vote, All Ayes.

By-laws were reviewed and the following changes were made:

Paige Measner moved, seconded by Laura Kraus to change the wording in Article III, Section 3. Inactive Membership: "Appointed members shall be considered inactive when they have missed more than two (2) consecutive unexcused meetings without notification to the Committee Chair or other officer." Vote, all Ayes.

Marvin Hulinsky moved, seconded by Paige Measner to change the wording in Article VI, Section 6. Notice of Meeting: "seven (7)" and omit "Notice of regular meeting and agenda availability will also be placed in the legal announcements of the Thomas County Herald, Custer County Chief and Burwell Tribune at least three (3) days prior to the meeting." The names of the papers will be added to the list when it refers to the annual meeting. This motion also made the changes to Article X signatures to only including LEPC Chairman, LEPC Vice Chairman and Region 26 Emergency Management. Vote, all Ayes.

Self-Evaluation Check: The committee members made a list of potential facilities in their county that have hazardous materials or extremely hazardous materials. We also looked at major transportation routes for extremely hazardous substances and hazardous chemicals. The Committee also tried to identify other facilities contributing to or subjected to risk that are in close proximity to those facilities with extremely hazardous substances or hazardous chemicals.

The second part of the Self-Evaluation on the agenda will be tabled so that Linda can do more research to enable the Committee to make better informed decisions.

LEOP Updates are contingent on the findings of the Self-Evaluation Check so will be dealt with at a later meeting.

Linda advised that she will be sending the LEPC annual report into SERC by March 1st. The Committee requested that the minutes be sent out to all the City/Village/Commissioner/Supervisor Chairman.

There being no other business Chairman Glen Albers adjourned the meeting at 3:15PM.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2016 at 2PM at Region 26.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary

Linda Lewis