

## Thomas – Blaine – Loup – Garfield LEPC

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

2:00 PM

Present:

Glen Albers, Maverick Fertilizer and Burwell Volunteer Fire

Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management

Larry Donner, Garfield Sheriff's Office & Emergency Management

Marvin Hulinsky, Burwell Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Ashley Jeffres, Loup Basin Public Health District

Laura Kraus, Red Cross and Loup County Fire & Rescue

Tim Jordan, Village of Taylor Board and Maintenance

Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management

1. The regular LEPC meeting for the Counties of Thomas, Blaine, Loup and Garfield was called to order by Chairman Glen Albers at 2:07. The Open Meeting Laws were brought to everyone's attention.
2. Laura Kraus moved, seconded by Alma Beland to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes as read. Vote, All Ayes.
3. Old Business
  - a. Region 26 Weather Symposium: Alma reported about the highlights of the symposium which included weather talks by the Hastings and North Platte weather forecasters and Kent Boughton from NTV. Red Cross, Loup Basin Public Health, Mark Rempe and Brandon Myers made disaster badges, a kids learning center and several others. Approximately 135 people attended and positive feedback was given by many. Depending on funding, the goal will be to continue to have this event in future years.
  - b. Weather Support for Local Events: The County fairs for each county as well as Burwell Fun Day's.
  - c. No other Old Business
4. New Business
  - a. After Action Report:
    - i. Loup County Exercise. Ashley Jeffres with Loup Basin Public Health directed the group by asking questions on how well we met our Core Capabilities. She will send out a copy of the report when completed.
    - ii. Garfield County Exercise. Same as above
  - b. Other New Business:
    - i. Fine Fuels. Marvin Hulinsky reported on a class they had at Burwell about fuels for a fire. He expressed a concern about the fuels around the lake in the cabin area. The Incident Commander, Ralph Maul, at the Lake McConaughy fire was an instructor that was able to drive around the cabin area giving suggestions of preventative measures that could be taken in case of a fire in that area. The website, [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) has information that can be printed out and sent to home owners in the lake area. Lex Jeffres is going to have the Planning and Zoning Commission give this information out with every building permit issued. It was also mentioned to find out who is in charge of the Calamus Lake Association and schedule a meeting with Ralph

Maul to help bring this serious potential hazard to the forefront and offer suggestions to mitigate the threat.

- ii. Nursing Home and hospital facilities have new exercise requirements and may be asking the local emergency managers for assistance. It will be each facilities responsibility to plan and execute these new requirements. There have been workshops that they have been invited to attend that will guide them through this process.
5. Adjournment: Chairman Albers adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm. Next regular meeting will be August 9, 2017 at the Region 26 EOC in Taylor, NE.

Submitted by Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield Secretary-Treasurer

Linda Lewis