

Thomas – Blaine – Loup – Garfield LEPC

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

2:00 PM

Present:

Glen Albers, Maverick Fertilizer and Burwell Volunteer Fire

Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management

Elizabeth (Libby) Burk, Blaine County Rescue

Marvin Hulinsky, Burwell Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Diana Hurlburt, Garfield County

Timothy Jordan, Village of Taylor, Loup County Fire & Rescue

Laura Kraus, Red Cross and Loup County Fire & Rescue

Mitch Lamm, City of Burwell

Catie Larsen, Loup Basin Public Health Department

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 2:07PM. The Open Meeting Laws were brought to everyone's attention.
2. Laura Kraus moved, seconded by Libby Burk to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes. All Ayes
3. Alma explained to new members what an LEPC is and a brief history of why they exist.
4. Old Business
 - a. Preventative Fire Measure/Calamus Lake – A completed brochure was handed out to the attendees. Libby Burk moved, seconded by Laura Kraus to approve the brochure for distribution. All voted aye. Discussion was held on how we will get these brochures out to home owners across the counties. Some of the ideas were to hand them out with new permits, tax statements, county-wide insert in local paper, through the school system as part of a safety program, fair booths, gas stations, local restaurants and fireman's fund-raising events. The RC&D Facebook Live by Janet Sanders was discussed for getting word out about fire-safety and other LEPC topics. Funding was discussed but nothing determined to cover the cost of printing the brochures.
 - b. Report on Facebook Page – Libby reported on the kind of posts she is sharing on the Facebook page and that there were several being reached. Keep sharing and inviting people to like the page so they can benefit from the information posted.
 - c. No other Old Business

5. New Business

- a. Tier II Reports – reports were reviewed and discussed
- b. Local Events – Weather Support – The events that had been submitted were discussed as to whom should be contacted.
- c. After flood safety – Because of the high-water levels it was discussed about putting out a public safety announcement to be aware of the dangers in rivers and lakes. The health department talked about what they have available and was mentioned to contact FEMA to see if they have a generic template.
- d. Facility Plotting – Linda had plotted all the facilities from the Tier II reports on a map to see what vulnerable populations may be near by in the case of a chemical spill or leak. Discussion was held with no action needed.
- e. Other New Business – Diana was concerned that the fire trucks and ambulances would not be aware of road closures due to the flooding. Discussion was that hopefully the caller would know the condition of the road and advise the 911 Dispatcher of any road issues.

6. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 2:00pm.

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