

Greeley-Wheeler LEPC
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018
Greeley Fire Hall, Greeley, Nebraska

Members Present:

Rod Johnson – Greeley Fire Department
Bill McManus – Greeley Fire Department
Doug Wrede – Greeley County Commissioner/Region 26 Board
James Rashilla – Nebraska Emergency Management
Dana Rashilla – Public
Jillyn Klein – Greeley Clinic
Mark Bauer – Greeley County Emergency Management
Alma Beland – Region 26 Emergency Management
Linda Lewis – Region 26 Emergency Management

1. Chairman Alma Beland called the meeting to order at 7:19pm. The Open Meetings Law was brought to our attention.
2. Mark Bauer moved, seconded by Rod Johnson to approve the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion passed.
3. Old Business
 - a) Emergency Preparedness Pamphlet – The LEPC pamphlet specifically for Greeley-Wheeler Counties was reviewed and no changes were requested. The members present thought it would be a good idea to have some printed in time for summer events to be available for the public. James advised that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant through the SERC would possibly be able to pay for the printing of this pamphlet as long as the proper applications were submitted. This grant is funded through companies that transport HAZMAT and funds are matched by pipeline companies when local responders attend their trainings.
 - b) LEOP Review – Alma reviewed Hazardous Material Tab in the Greeley County LEOP. We discussed who to contact for assistance in a HAZMAT situation, the Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team (NHIT) and the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) were two groups mentioned. James helped us to understand the difference between the groups. Both groups are contacted through the Nebraska State Patrol and Nebraska Emergency Management must be notified if either one is dispatched to an incident. Other people or agencies that would be involved would be the State Fire Marshal and DEQ. NHIT as a general rule is the first contact in a situation if a truck or other vessel is leaking or spilling a hazardous material. They are able to give good tech advice and talk the first responder through the situation before trained personnel could respond to the incident. SERT is contacted first if life and property are in jeopardy and could provide a full team the quickest. Other options would be to call the emergency numbers located on the back of the Emergency Response Guide book. Greeley's closest SERT or NHIT would be out of Grand Island or Columbus depending location in the county and Wheeler would be in Norfolk. We also went over the responsibilities of the fire chief, law enforcement and emergency management. It was also noted that James Rashilla at NEMA is the SERC Administrator.
 - c) Other Old Business – No other old business
4. New Business
 - a. Tier II Reviews – The Tier II forms that were received were reviewed and it was explained that the purpose for these forms was for a situational awareness for the fire departments, emergency management and LEPC's.

- b. Severe Weather Talks – Greeley’s is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018 and if unable to attend that North Loup will host one on April 4, 2018.
 - c. Region 26 Symposium – Alma shared that there will be a Weather Symposium Friday, March 16, 2018 in Dunning at the High School and April 7, 2018 in Loup City at the Community Center. She invited everyone to attend if possible.
 - d. Statewide Tornado Drill - The 2018 Statewide Tornado Drill will be held March 28, 2018. It will begin at 10:30am and all sirens that Region 26 can set off will be activated. Region 26 will communicate with each fire chief as the date approaches.
 - e. Bus Accident Exercise Report – Linda handed out the notes as a result of the exercise that listed ideas and issues as they came up during the discussion.
 - f. Other New Business – No other New Business
5. Election of Officers – Doug Wrede moved, seconded by Mark Bauer to have the officers remain the same. All voted aye. Alma Beland-Chairman, Mark Bauer-Vice Chairman and Coordinator of Information for Greeley County, Doug Reiter-Vice Chairman and Coordinator of Information for Wheeler County and Linda Lewis-Secretary.
 6. Chairman Beland adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.
The next meeting will be June 13, 2018 at 7:00PM in Scotia.

Submitted by
Linda Lewis - Secretary