

Greeley-Wheeler LEPC
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017
Scotia Fire Hall, Scotia, Nebraska

Members Present:

Mark Bauer – Greeley County Emergency Manager
David Weeks – Greeley County Sheriff
Ashley Jeffres – Loup Basin Public Health
Alma Beland – Region 26 Emergency Management
Linda Lewis – Region 26 Emergency Management

1. Chairman Alma Beland called the meeting to order at 7:18pm. The Open Meetings Law was brought to our attention.
2. Mark Bauer moved, seconded by Dave Weeks to approve March 21, 2017 meeting minutes. All voted aye.
3. Old Business
 - a) Report on Region 26 Weather Symposium – Mark, Ashley and Alma all reported that the symposium was a success and plans are to have one for next year depending on available grant funds.
 - b) Goals for 2017
 - I. Siren Protocol education – The goal is to have the protocol for each town in print so that it can be posted in public areas and distributed to residents. One possible way is to send this information in a mailing from the Village Clerk combined with other mailings they may have.
 - II. Mini Exercise with fire departments – Mark has talked to one fire department and still plans to do a mini exercise. Region 26 will be willing to come support the exercise and help in any way we can.
 - III. Emergency Preparedness pamphlet – A pamphlet was created for distribution as a courtesy of the Greeley/Wheeler LEPC about LEPC and what it is and some basic instructions on how to be prepared for different types of emergencies. Included is a segment where the public is encouraged to contact the Village office or fire chief to get information about the siren and when it may be activated and the reasons it may be activated. Mark and Dave would like to see this be distributed at the Greeley County Fair in August, therefore the protocols need to be determined and to Linda by July 24th so clerks and fire chiefs can be notified and prepared for any calls from the public. Dave and Alma will work with Greeley and Scotia and Mark will get Spalding and Wolbach.
 - c) Weather Event support – Region 26 put the following upcoming local events in for Greeley & Wheeler counties: Tour De Nebraska, Wolbach Days, Greeley Days, Wheeler County Fair, Greeley County Fair and the Greeley Irish Festival. Mark would like this weekend to be added with the Fish Passage, Softball tournament and Golfing Event. Events still needing an exact date are the Community Club Celebration in Spalding and the Mud Drag/Golf Tourney in Spalding.
 - d) Requirements for Farmers and Tier II Reports – after research it was decided that Farmers are not responsible for turning in Tier II reports. It states that it is a requirement for the owner of or operation of a facility that is required under regulations implementing the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. There is also a threshold for gasoline which is 75,000 gallons and diesel fuel is 100,000 gallons.
 - e) Other Old Business – No other old business

4. New Business

- a. Shelter locations in each town – The counties need to have an agreement with the Red Cross for Sheltering. Red Cross would like two certified shelters in each area. The group made several suggestions that were noted and Alma will submit to Red Cross and they will make contact with the person overseeing each facility.
- b. Other New Business- GETS Card is a government issued card free of charge to Emergency Managers and Law Enforcement that in a situation where all the phone lines are occupied this card would get you a priority line. There are rules as to when you can use this card and it needs to be in an emergency type situation where it is in the best interest of the lives of the citizens. You have to apply and be approved to obtain a card.
- c. Changing the regular meeting night was discussed and moved to every second Wednesday. December will be an issue but will work that out sooner to that meeting date.

5. Chairman Beland adjourned the meeting at 8:38PM. The next meeting will be September 13 at 7:00PM location to be determined.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis