

Greeley-Wheeler LEPC
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2016
Wolbach Community Center, Wolbach, Nebraska

Members Present:

Mark Bauer – Greeley County Emergency Manager
Rick Brown – Wolbach Fire & EMS
Pat Killinger – Wolbach Fire & EMS
Dan Casey – Greeley Village Board
Bonnie J. Gilpin – Village of Wolbach Clerk/Treasurer
David Weeks – Greeley County Sheriff
Doug Wrede – Greeley County Commissioner
Bill McManus – Greeley Volunteer Fire Department
Rod Johnson – Greeley Volunteer Fire Department
Alma Beland – Region 26 Emergency Management
Linda Lewis – Region 26 Emergency Management

Visitors Present:

John Jones – American Red Cross

1. Chairman Alma Beland called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.
2. The minutes from the last meeting were read. Rick Brown moved to approve minutes as read, seconded by Mark Bauer. Vote: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstained, motion carried.

Alma took the opportunity to explain what an LEPC is to the new members.

3. The By-laws were reviewed. David Weeks moved to adopt the By-Laws as written with the addition of one correction and two additions to be made.
 1. Article III Section 3. Change “one year” to “two years”.
 2. Article VI Section 1. Add “on the second Tuesday”.
 3. Article VI Section 6. Add “and the Village office of Greeley, Scotia, Spalding and Wolbach, Bartlett and Ericson Clerks to post at the Village Office”Seconded by Dan Casey. Vote: 12 ayes, 0 nays, motioned carried.
4. Public Awareness – Social Media - Alma brought to our attention the Region 26 Facebook page that would be used as a tool in notifying the public in an emergency situation including a Hazardous Materials. Code Red is another tool we can use. The Central Valley School has a notification system that could possibly be used. (Wheeler Central does too). Popular radio stations for the Greeley County area are KRVN, KNLV, KZ100 and KKOT – The Hawk and for Wheeler County area it’s KNLV and KBRX.
5. Shelter in place – Alma advised that “Shelter in Place” can mean the possibility of staying in your car, home, school, office or any building you are in at the time to protect you from the hazardous material outside and taking action to keep the HAZMAT from drifting into the building or whatever kind of shelter you are in.

Shelters were discussed for Greeley and Wheeler Counties. Neither Greeley nor Wheeler Counties have any shelters listed in their perspective LEOP. For Greeley the Greeley Care Home

is no longer an option. The old gym in Greeley now belongs to the Central Valley School and could possibly be used for a shelter.

There are cots at the Spalding Fire Hall as well as blankets and portable lights. The Red Cross is in the process of replacing certain cots for the safety and ease of the person needing to be in a shelter. The Greeley Volunteer Fire Department has a 60KW generator that can be used for Mutual Aid.

John Jones with the American Red Cross shared with us what the Red Cross wants to do for our communities. In a Single family fire he has asked to be contacted as soon as possible at 844-334-7569 so they can send out a local volunteer to provide comfort and basic needs. If the structure is livable they will give the person \$50, if not it increases to \$125. In a non-single family home they will provide \$170 up to 4 occupants, and then it would increase to \$340. They will provide health services such as replacing medications up to a \$300 if possible and eye glasses. The case workers goal is to help the victim in recovery, to fill the gap between the victim and other agencies. Some areas have been greatly helped by Red Cross such as wildfires, drownings, tornadoes and flooding to name a few.

The Red Cross is also doing a Home Fire Campaign where they are providing smoke alarms. They have recorded saving 77 lives through this campaign. They are booked through July 2017 so if we want to get on the list we need to express our desire to do so. This program was intended to go for 5 years and give away 2-2.5 million smoke alarms, part of this program is to educate people about regular smoke alarms only lasting 10 years. We asked to be put on the list for the smoke alarm program. There were several other programs they are doing such as NFPA slogan "Don't Wait Check the Date" Sensors may not be functional and need to be replaced. The Pillow Case Project is being held in schools grades 3-5 for preparedness kits. The Red Cross is very active in the communities across the state.

6. Local events where discussed and that the weather service is working with Alma to aid in keeping the organizers informed so they in turn can keep the public safe.
7. Training – Alma brought to the Committees attention training that is going on in the area through Region 26.
8. Other - The Hazard Mitigation workshops were brought to our attention and why it would be important for a representative from your organization to attend. July 5th at Albion at 10am, July 6th at Broken Bow at 2pm and July 7th at Ord at 2pm.
9. Alma adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis