

Greeley-Wheeler LEPC
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2017
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
Dan Casey – Greeley Village Board
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 7:17pm. The Open Meetings Law was brought to our attention.
2. Rod Johnson moved, seconded by Ashley Jeffres to approve the June 20, 2017 meeting minutes. 6 ayes, 1 abstain.
3. Old Business
 - a) The siren protocols were discussed for Greeley. In Greeley their siren is set off at 8am, 12pm, 6pm and 10pm. The Tornado siren is a solid wail and Fire calls are three (3) blasts and stops. They do not activate siren for Rescue Calls.
 - b) Other Old Business – No other old business
4. New Business
 - a. LEDRS Conference Report – (Livestock Emergency Disease Response System) Alma reported on a conference she had attended where veterinarians gather and discuss Incident Command and discuss situations that may happen in the agriculture industry. There is a training that they are working on to bring out to Nebraska and other states reference accidents involving hauling livestock and how to treat the scene and if there are trapped animals how they may be able to get them out safely. The trainers would like to come out to the Region 26 area since it's inundated with livestock. Greeley Fire would like to attend this training when available.
 - b. Irish Festival-Doug Wrede reported that planning was going well and that fences for beer gardens were being set up and security was in place, RC&D would be there with their drone. Alma will be providing Weather Support and will pass on any information to Doug Wrede and Dave Weeks.
 - c. Serving the Community – It was encouraged to figure out ways to better serve the community. An exercise was recommended involving a bus incident since Greeley County's school situation has created more bussing opportunities. An Exercise will be planned.
 - d. Meeting Objectives – James Rashilla presented information about the State Emergency Response Commission which he is the coordinator, SERC works closely with the LEPC's across the state and James is excited to be able to work with the local LEPC's on a regular basis. Training is available through a grant made available through a fund that carriers and chemical facilities pay into and he can set us up with Hazmat training if interested. He also gave us an overview of the purpose of LEPC's and how it was started.
 - e. Pipeline Exercise – The Nebraska Pipeline Association is providing training across the state for first responders. October 4, 2017 there will be one in Ord.

- f. Other new Business-Alma was asked by another LEPC member about having a form to fill out at the courthouse for each resident to fill out to state where they may hide during a tornado so that if they had to do a search they would search in that area first. The pros and cons of this were discussed. It was reported that there are Storm Response Plans in the courthouse and that Greeley Care Home have a plan to evacuate to the courthouse.
5. Chairman Beland adjourned the meeting at 8:14PM. The next meeting will be December 13, 2017 at 7:00PM location to be determined.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis