

Sherman-Valley LEPC  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2016

The meeting of the Sherman-Valley LEPC, held at the Community Center in Loup City was called to order at 7:01pm by Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Manager and director.

Present:

Ryan Simpson, Ord EMS & Valley County Emergency Management  
Les Glinsmann, Green Plains  
Craig Kamler, Ashton Village & Public Works  
Mike Dorsey, Loup City Volunteer Fire  
Jack Van Slyke, Valley County Supervisor & Region 26 Board Member  
Larry Bruha, Sherman County Local Emergency Management  
Larry Proskocil, Valley County Health Systems  
Kaleb Ericson, Sherman County Sheriff's Office  
Michael F. Janulewicz, Sherman County sheriff's Office  
Alec Baillie, Mayor – Loup City  
Scott Philbrick, Valley County Emergency Management  
Travis Gidley, Cargill & Ord Volunteer Fire Department  
Randy Scott, Trotter Inc.  
Eli Curry, Ashton Volunteer Fire Department  
Kevin Holcomb, Loup City Public Works  
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management  
Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management

Alma Beland gave an overview of what a Local Emergency Planning Committee is by telling the history of why and how it began with the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) and mandated that LEPCs form in each county or combination of counties. A handout with frequently asked questions was also given out.

The LEPC has a set of minimum requirements that need to be met which Alma brought to our attention and a handout explaining the state statutes supporting the requirement.

Member applications were filled out by those present. Officer Duties were gone over and election of officers was held. Alma asked for nominations or volunteers for Chairman which Alec Baillie volunteered for the Chairman position. Ryan Simpson was nominated and accepted Vice Chairman/Information Coordinator to represent Valley County and Larry Bruha accepted same position to represent Sherman County. The Secretary/Treasurer at this time will be handled by Region 26 Emergency Management personnel Alma Beland & Linda Lewis.

By-laws were presented and instructed to read through them before next meeting when they can be discussed and action taken to adopt.

Tier II reports from 2015 were reviewed.

Alma encouraged everyone to attend the Severe Weather Awareness Training that will be held in Sherman County in Litchfield on April 18<sup>th</sup> and in Valley County in Arcadia on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Alma shared how Hastings Weather requested a schedule of events in the area to support them in weather situations. A list of events was presented that had been turned in and requested for correction of dates or additions of events missed. Alma also added that using the CodeRed system could help in notifying responsible parties in emergency weather.

Meetings for the year will be April 12, 2016 in Valley County, July 12, 2016 in Sherman County and October 11, 2016 in Valley County with the possibility of meeting places to be held at different industries. This will be decided and information will be included in meeting reminders and agendas. Notifications will be sent out by email.

Newly elected Chairman Baillie wanted all to know that he took this position as a learning tool and asked for those with knowledge in this area of LEPC to please help him in this journey and is looking forward to working with the group.

Chairman Baillie adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary  
Linda Lewis