

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

Present:

Alec Baillie, Mayor – Loup City
Mike Beck, Litchfield Fire
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management
Eli Curry, Ashton Fire Department
Mike Dorsey, Loup City Fire
Kaleb Ericson, Sherman County Sheriff's Office
Michael F. Janulewicz, Sherman County Sheriff's Office
Ashley Jeffres, Loup Basin Public Health
Craig Kamler, Ashton Fire Department
Shawn Kitzing, Loup City/Ashton/Rockville Rescue
Tim Kusek, Rockville Fire & Rescue and Village of Rockville
Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management
Danny Patterson, Sherman County Emergency Management
Scott Philbrick, Valley County Emergency Management
Kerri Patterson
Tami Kuehl
Gail Pedersen

- 1) Chairman Alec Baillie called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. The Open Meetings Law was brought to our attention and participation from the attendees was encouraged and welcomed.
- 2) Mike Beck moved, seconded by Mike Dorsey to approve the January 10, 2017 minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.
- 3) Old Business –
 - a) Region 26 Severe Weather Symposium – April 1, 2017 – Alma reported that the symposium went well. Attendance was around 130 people. Among the vendors was Kent Boughton with NTV Weather which was one of the highlights for several people. The Hastings and North Platte National weather service were both there to give educational talks on different areas of weather. We hope that this was the first of many Weather Symposiums as the goal continues to focus on educating the public. The LEPC booth was able to hand out flyers and talk to the public about the LEPC in their area. Chairman Baillie commended the efforts of Region 26 staff and stated he was pleased to see the turnout of children.
 - b) CERT Teams – Ryan Lowry with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has been in contact with Region 26 and is excited to see the interest of new CERT Teams in the area. Gail Pedersen is currently working to build a list of people interested in taking the CERT class. Training for CERT would include managing volunteers at a disaster, assist fire and rescue, they would learn how to take care of themselves, their family and neighbors and on to a larger group, basic first aid, basic search and rescue, use of fire extinguisher and instruction on the limitations of what they can and cannot do. Flyers need to be made up and invite the community to an informational night to promote CERT. Typically a class would consist of 10-15 people and is usually Friday night through Sunday night. Alma has funding available and will work with leaders on establishing a class.
 - c) Other Old Business – No other old business

- 4) New Business
 - a) Siren Protocol – A Standard Operating Guide was handed out and reviewed. One of the concerns about a siren is public awareness. Does the public know why the siren is activated and if there are different wails what they represent? Some ideas to get the message out: post at City Hall, motels, Facebook page. Included in the information should be that there is no “All Clear” Signal. CodeRed can be tied into this information as well as the understanding that a siren is for OUTDOOR warning. Danny Patterson will go to all the towns refer siren usage.
 - b) Tour de Nebraska Route (June 21-25, 2017) – Loup City and Ord will be host towns. The organizer wants to meet on May 3rd in Loup City with Howard County, Valley County, Custer County and Region 26 to discuss potential issues.
 - c) Event Planning / Weather Service-Hastings Weather Service is willing to support the events in our area with weather updates as needed. Emergency Managers and Fire Chiefs are asked to supply Region 26 with a list of events they would like to submit for weather support.
- 5) Review Tier II forms: The Tier II forms were reviewed and the Fire Chiefs and Emergency Managers received a copy of both Sherman and Valley counties
- 6) Election of Officers: Alma Beland moved, seconded by Mike Beck for Alec Baillie to remain the chairman. All voted aye. Motion passed. Michael Janulewicz moved, seconded by Mike Dorsey for Danny Patterson and Scott Philbrick to be Co-Vice Chairman/Information Officer for their respective counties. All voted aye. Motion passed. Shawn Kitzing moved, seconded by Tim Kusek for Linda Lewis to remain the secretary. All voted aye. Motion passed.
- 7) Other New Business:
 - a) Emergency Manager Conference – Danny Patterson had attended and thought it was a good conference. They did an exercise that Peavey elevator blew up and used the Incident Command Structure and related forms to handle the situation.
 - b) Burlington Northern Santé Fe Railroad training for May 20, 2017 is cancelled due to the same weekend as fire school.
 - c) Chairman Baillie reported that the MOU between the City of Loup City Council and the Loup City School Board was approved by the School Board and is on Loup City’s Agenda for May 2, 2017 meeting. When signed will give to Region 26 to have as an example.
- 8) Next regular meeting – July 11, 2017 in Valley County
- 9) Adjournment: 8:47pm

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis