

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

The meeting of the Sherman-Valley LEPC, held at the Green Plains Conference Room was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Alec Baillie.

Present:

Alec Baillie, Mayor – Loup City
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management
Larry Bruha, Sherman County Local Emergency Management
Larry Copp, Ord Volunteer Fire
Mike Dorsey, Loup City Volunteer Fire
Kaleb Ericson, Sherman County Sheriff's Office
Travis Gidley, Cargill & Ord Volunteer Fire Department
Les Glinsmann, Green Plains
Cherish Gregory, Green Plains & Ord F & Rescue
Casey Hurlburt, Valley County Sheriff
Michael F. Janulewicz, Sherman County sheriff's Office
Korey Johnson, Ord Police Department
Daryl Jorgensen, North Loup Volunteer Fire
Shawn Kitzing, Loup City Rescue
Susan Krohn, Green Plains - Ord
Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management
Scott Philbrick, Valley County Emergency Management
Larry Proskocil, Valley County Health Systems
Danny Scott, Arcadia Fire & Rescue and Valley County Ambulance
Jack Van Slyke, Valley County Supervisor & Region 26 Board Member

Chairman Baillie called the meeting to order at 7pm. Chairman Baillie commented that this meeting is ruled by the Open meeting laws; therefore participation from the attendees is encouraged and welcomed.

Mike Janulewicz moved, seconded by Larry Proskocil to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.

By Laws – Linda Lewis made available a new copy of by-laws due to the fact there were some changes. These changes had to do with posting the annual meeting, and how to determine active and inactive members and process of reports sent in to the state. Chairman Baillie asked for a motion to approve the By-Laws as presented. Scott Philbrick moved, seconded by Larry Copp to adopt the By-Laws as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Hazardous & Extremely Hazardous Material Locations – The committee reviewed a chart of companies that had sent in Tier II reports that reported having extremely hazardous materials, including companies that had sent Tier II's in the past but had not received any for 2016. Larry Copp advised that the ones that Region 26 had not received for Valley County had been received by the Ord Volunteer Fire Department so it was a matter of Region 26 obtaining copies from DEQ. For the ones in question for Sherman County these companies are still in business but don't know if still they have hazardous materials. Linda will do more research on those companies.

Exercise – Alma Beland reported that Litchfield has been requesting a Hazmat exercise involving the railroad and a hazardous material spill, this would be an opportunity to implement the LEPC members in

planning and participating in this exercise. They would like it to be held within the last two weeks of August.

Larry Proskocil reported on an exercise that TRIMRS was conducting. This will be a 26 county wide exercise on a pandemic flu. The purpose of the exercise will be to task the different groups involved to a point where they are maxed out on supplies and personnel. This will involve nursing homes, public health, home health, clinics, and hospitals. This will be a paper drill on April 26, 2016 at the Valley County Health Systems board room. The exercise will run from 8:15am to 12:30pm.

Training & Tour – Les Glinsmann, Plant Manager at Green Plains gave a presentation of some of the dangers that could happen in the plant and different scenarios and what they would do in each case. He told us about the Emergency Response Plan they have for fire, tornado, chemical spill etc. The operators in the control room will mitigate the incident and it is greatly unlikely that to have a spill or situation get off site. But if it does they have that in the plan of who to call and how to get assistance. Larry Copp, Ord Fire Chief has been on site several times in communication with Green Plains in preparedness in the unlikelihood of an incident requiring outside assistance.

The biggest danger is if the Ethanol catches on fire since it burns hotter than other substances. The goal would be to contain and keep everything else from being affected.

Les also brought to our attention where the extremely hazardous material were on site and the system they had for containment that made it almost impossible to affect the environment.

The personnel have response training and PPE (personal protective equipment), chemical suits and respirators, but they do not have firefighting training or SCBA's. They also have foam to contain small fires and monitors as well. For Hazmat there is a contract in place with the North Platte Response Team.

Weather Meeting – April 18, 2016 will be the last Severe Weather Awareness presentation in the Sherman-Valley area which will be held at the Winters Building in Litchfield at 6:30pm.

Other – Alma brought to the committees attention that on June 7th the TRAN (Tractor Relay Across Nebraska) and BRAN (Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska) is on the same day along the same highways but going different directions. TRAN will stay overnight at Broken Bow and BRAN will be staying at Loup City. There is a possibility that they will meet at some point causing potential problems.

Also on June 7th there is a free training with law enforcement continuing ed hours on the subject of Mass Fatality. This will be held at the Community College in Broken Bow. Pre-registration is required.

Chairman Baillie also reminded companies to make sure that their part of the LEOP Annex F is up-to-date.

Next meeting – The next quarterly meeting will be July 19th instead of the 12th. Location will possibly be in Litchfield.

Chairman Baillie adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

After the meeting Les Glinsmann and Susan Krohn gave us a very informative tour of the plant.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis

Approved by: