

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Present:

Alec Baillie, Mayor of Loup City
Marvin Beck, Litchfield Volunteer
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management
Matt Brandt, Nebraska Game & Parks
Nathan Flessner, City of Ord Emergency Management
Michael Janulewicz, Sherman County Sheriff's Office
Ashley Jeffres, Loup Basin Public Health
Daryl Jorgensen, North Loup Fire
Craig Kamler, Ashton Fire Department, Village of Ashton
Tim Kusek, Rockville Fire
Catie Larsen, Loup Basin Public Health
Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management
Scott Philbrick, Valley County Emergency Management
James Rashilla, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Ryan Simpson, Valley County Emergency Management
Ben Young, Valley County Health Systems

The Sherman-Valley LEPC gathered at Bowman Lake in Sherman County where Alec & Patrice Baillie provided a picnic for the group. It was appreciated and tasty.

- 1) Chairman Alec Baillie called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.
- 2) Scott Philbrick moved, seconded by Alma Beland to approve the April 10, 2018 minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Update on "Active Shooter Exercise" Ben Young with Valley County Health Systems informed us that plans were still being made and there was no date set however would be late August or September during the week sometime in the afternoon. There are still things to consider like how long will the hospital be able to be shut down, where to make the Command Center, the length of time for law enforcement to clear the building, will it then be a crime scene that cannot be entered, will there be dogs used etc. The planning committee still needs to meet with local law enforcement and review what protocols will be encouraged for the workers. Also Larry Proskocil will be retiring as of August 1, 2018 and Ben is his replacement. We will miss Larry but we welcome Ben.
 - b) Update on Events and weather support – Alma reported that support was given for Polish Days and Ashton Days where weather was an issue. Upcoming events will be Litchfield Old Settlers picnic and the Sherman county Fair.
 - c) Other Old Business – No other Old Business
- 4) New Business
 - a) Fire-Rescue Building Update – Alec reported that plans were coming along and how they have made some changes in the water supply so that they have good water flow to fill trucks. Also how they were able to create a man hole so they could pave or rock the parking lot. The building committee had to make some changes as seen fit along the way. The City is going to be voting on a .5 percent sales tax increase in November. Because of the bidding process and the time it will take the engineer will create an estimate and will use that amount to use on how to pay. There is a January 1 2019 timeline for building construction and hopefully by March-April be into the construction. There will be a commons area, bathroom, detox shower, eye wash,

portable gear lockers, drainage all around or between each bay, radiant heat as well as forced air, LED lighting, hardwired, hardened shelter and wired for a generator. There will be big ceiling fans to help with circulation and in the case of contamination will be able to remove the contamination. Fire and Rescue will both be housed at this location with two double doors and one single.

b) Region 26 Tower – The tower is on order which took a little time due to bidding process and working out details with the new landowner. In order to meet code for the tower it will be larger than old one. They are in the process of doing a ground survey and getting soil samples. This tower will be a few feet higher so it can be used for the NRIN project. NEMA would help pay but that would mean more delays and the Region 26 Board decided to move forward and pay out of pocket the minimal difference. Platte Valley mentioned an end date of October but the tower could be in operation as early as August. For now there are two REA poles that have equipment on them to cripple the radio systems along including the weather radio.

c) Other New Business:

James Rashilla mentioned the HAZMAT Conference in North Platte Sept 27-29 and there may be scholarships for LEPC members to attend.

Alma mentioned that the LEOP Manuals for Sherman & Valley will be due in 2018 and work is underway to getting them completed.

Catie Larsen with the Loup Basin Public Health was introduced as the new Emergency Response Coordinator. Ashley Jeffres took a new position at the LBPH so Catie will be the new representative to attend the LEPC meetings.

Matt Brandt, Conservation Officer with the Nebraska Game & Parks gave us a talk on HAZMAT and the bodies of water. Even though there is not a big issue that he has seen the potential with larger boats on the lakes that would have more fuel and the old jeeps and ATV's out on the rivers it could become a problem that will need to be dealt with. He did mention that the amounts now that have been seen are small enough that the current has moved it along and has not created a problem.

Matt does have a public concern when it comes to weather. The Sherman Dam area is highly populated area especially during holiday weekends. The installing of the sirens is a great asset in warning people and he is grateful for them. There are some private shelters buried underground in areas but only for a small amount of people. Early warning is the key for people to get to a safe area and that is his goal wherever he may be at the time of severe weather. He also informed us that there will be 66 new points going in at the Marina which will make the lake a very busy place.

An interesting point that was shared is that water along the rivers people are free to maneuver across however the sandbars belong to the landowners. It can become an issue in places and there is a situation in the neighboring county that people are abusing the assumption they can do anything they want on these sandbars. Thank you to Matt for an informative presentation.

5) Adjournment: 8:21pm

Submitted by Secretary

Linda Lewis – Region 26 Emergency Management