

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Present:

Scott Philbrick (Chairman)/Valley County Deputy EM
Mike Beck/Litchfield Fire & Rescue
Dan Patterson/Sherman County EM
Bailey Hollerud/Green Plains Ord Ethanol
Catie Larsen/Loup Basin Public Health Department
Ben Young/Valley County Health Systems
Gary Howard/Valley County Health Systems
Jay Welch/Ord PD
Dale King/Ord PD
Kim Stover/Acera Care Hospice
Alma Beland/Region 26 Emergency Management

The Sherman-Valley LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) met at the Green Plains Ethanol Plant board room on July 9, 2019.

1-2) Chairman Scott Philbrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Since April meeting was cancelled due to weather/flooding disaster, Scott asked for approval of the January minutes. Alma stated that the minutes needed to be corrected with the date of 2019 instead of 2018. Mike Beck made a motion to approve minutes with the date correction to January 8, 2019.

3) Old Business - None

4) New Business:

a) Ben Young with Valley County Health Systems is planning a full scale exercise in September and would be letting us know when it has been set and invite those to participate.

b) Scott said that there will be Valley County Mud Drags on July 20th

c) Discussion was held on sand bags and that the plan is that more will be picked up from the Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha and housed in different locations.

d) Bailey Hollerud held a table top discussion of Green Plains in Atkinson and Green Plains in Ord. The scenario was the trucks hauling Ethanol from the plant in Atkinson to Green Plains in Ord to be loaded on the Nebraska Central Rail line to be shipped out. Bailey said there were between 200-300 semi loads per month that was being transported down Highway 11 between the plants since there was no rail line at Atkinson. Green Plains has a plan for catastrophic spills. They do have a truck with equipment for local spills which has an oil boom and PPE gear, etc. She asked about what response capabilities there were north of Burwell. There is only the Burwell Fire & Rescue Department to call upon between Ord and Atkinson. The Hazmat team out of Grand Island would need to be called. The loads hauled are Denatured Ethanol with small amounts of petroleum. Denatured is 2% natural gasoline with a placard number of 1987. They also transport Undenatured Ethanol which is pure alcohol with a placard number of 1170. The trucks are transporting around the clock. There was suggestion that the equipment truck they have to clean up spills be marked for coming to a scene and there would be no question to let them through to help with the spill also to bring the truck to a department training night. All determined it would be good to have an exercise on this scenario with first responders.

Chairman Philbrick adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM

Submitted by acting Secretary

Alma Beland – Region 26 Emergency Management