

Sherman-Valley LEPC  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Present:

Baillie, Alec/Elected Official  
Beland, Alma/Region 26 Emergency Management  
Copp, Larry/ Ord Fire Department  
Dorsey, Mike/Loup City Fire Department  
Jaeschke, Jon/Loup City Fire Department  
Jones, Weston/Green Plains Ord Ethanol  
Jorgensen, Daryl/North Loup Fire Department  
Kusek, Timothy/Rockville Fire Department  
Lewis, Linda/Region 26  
Philbrick, Scott (Chairman)/Valley County Deputy EM  
Young, Ben/Valley County Health Systems

The Sherman-Valley LEPC met at the Loup City Department's Fire Hall

- 1) Chairman Scott Philbrick called the meeting to order at 7:08PM
- 2) Daryl Jorgensen moved, seconded by Larry Copp to approve the January 14, 2020 minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.
- 3) Old Business
  - a. Alma brought up the issue about setting up an account to receive donations in a disaster and how important it is to find a place that can accept them. Several places have expressed they are not interested. Alec Baillie suggested getting in touch with him reference the Sherman County Community Foundation to see if they would be willing to accept donations for disaster victims. Alma has a contact with Nebraska VOAD that is willing to come discuss starting donation setup. That contact from NE-VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disasters) said it was important to get 501c accounts as soon as possible and then later on after an event is when you can organize who will manage payout of funds.
- 4) New Business
  - a. The Hastings Weather Service is once again going to be offering weather support for events. If interested to have this service at your event contact Region 26. Polish Day's have already contacted Region 26 and will get a more detailed order of events after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Public Alerts – Alma shared that CodeRED is being used to alert not only weather but for emergency situations. The problem is getting the word out to citizens about this service and getting them signed up. This source of notification can be used to notify citizens if the 911 service went down, or if there was a dangerous situation in the area. We are working on getting the IPAWS activated for Region 26. Those that have the CodeRED app on their phone will get notifications if they are traveling through and a message has been sent out in that specific area. Alec with City of Loup City asked to have information to include in their mailing.
  - c. Reports from Industries – Weston Jones with Green Plains advised that they have been purchased by Pilot Corporation and will eventually change the name. The transportation of ethanol between Atkinson and Ord is no longer taking place since the change of ownership.
  - d. Tier II Data Retrieval Process- Linda handed out instructions to get on the Department of Environment and Energy (DEE) This process gives the ability to search all the counties in Nebraska and getting reports of all the industries that have submitted Tier II information.

- e. Tier II Reports-Linda presented a report of all the Tier II forms that were submitted to Region 26 as well as the ones that had been submitted to the DEE.
  - f. Other – Alma shared information she received at a conference about understanding disability and understanding their need in any situation and it also trains the disabled person how to get help in time of need. Alma also mentioned that she had cots for North Loup.
- 5) 2021 Election of Officers: Daryl moved, seconded by Larry to keep officers the same. All voted aye, motion passed. Chairman – Scott Philbrick, Co-Vice Chairman – Ryan Simpson for Valley County and Danny Patterson for Sherman County, Secretary – Linda Lewis.
- 6) Training – The Salamander equipment, Rapid Tag, Track Apps and Command was demonstrated to show what the system could do for keeping track of equipment at a major disaster and how to use it for accountability for firefighters, EMT's, volunteers and others that would come to help in a disaster.
- 7) Adjournment – Alma moved, seconded by Daryl to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

Following the meeting we all toured the newly erected Fire Hall and looked at the trucks and equipment that can be used to respond. What a great asset to Loup City and Sherman County.

Submitted by Secretary  
Linda Lewis – Region 26 Emergency Management

Approved by:

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LEPC Chairman

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Date