



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

January 27, 2014

1:30 p.m.

Barton County Courthouse
Conference Room
Great Bend, KS 67530

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Amy Miller at 1:34 p.m.

2. **Introduction of Members**

Chairman Miller welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2014 and asked that all of those individuals present introduce themselves and to describe their agency/affiliation. Members and guests were also asked to sign the Record of Attendance.

Members Present: Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
Doug Hubbard, Barton County 911 Communications, Director
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport, Manager
Dale Phillips, Barton County Road & Bridge and Noxious Weed
Ron Seidel, Kansas Gas Service
Mark Witt, Barton County Solid Waste, Manager
Dwight Young, Center for Counseling & Consultation

Guests Present: Bj Wooding, Barton County, Cartographer - Speaker
Pam Stiles, Barton County Health Department
Teri Thomas, Great Bend Regional Hospital
John Hughes, Ellinwood District Hospital
Kristi Lovett, Hoisington Chamber of Commerce

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the October 14, 2013 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the October 14, 2013 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from October 14, 2013.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Mark Witt

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. GIS and Local Mapping Capabilities

Bj Wooding, Barton County Cartographer, provided information on the mapping capabilities of her department as well as maps that are available for the public and government agencies. Wooding told committee members that the mapping department started in 1989 as a result of the reappraisal process in the State of Kansas. Parcel information, or property ownership information, is maintained by the Mapping/GIS Department as well as road and address information. While she maintains 195 layers on a digital map of Barton County, older maps are available in the Register of Deeds Office and the County Engineer's Office. Wooding can provide digital maps in sizes ranging from 42" square down to 8.5" x 11". Wooding says that she most often provides maps for the Sheriff's Office, Appraiser's Office and 911 Communications.

Wooding informed the committee that anyone can obtain parcel information on the Barton County website and provided a "How To" sheet on utilizing the parcel database. She also cautioned members on using maps from the Internet. Individuals need to be careful of where they obtain mapping information and realize that there may be problems with accuracy.

The next big project for Wooding's department will be Next Generation 9-1-1. She explained that address points are critical for this project whose main emphasis is to update the 9-1-1 service infrastructure and improve public emergency communications services. The project will work to update, clean up and edit address information not only in Barton County but across the State of Kansas. Maps will be created that have what emergency response agencies are to be sent to specific addresses.

5. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, informed the committee members present that the bylaws require the committee to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Nominations would be accepted from the floor.

Mary Hoisington asked if A. Miller would consider serving another year as chairman. Miller said yes.

Action: To elect Amy Miller as Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2014 year.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Mark Witt

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Chairperson Miller then asked if there was a nomination for Vice-Chairperson. After some discussion among members a suggestion was made to nominate Lily Akins for Vice Chairperson.

Action: To elect Lily Akins as Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2014 year.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Mark Witt
Vote: Carried on voice vote.

6. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2014

Amy Miller, Chairman, informed the committee that Severe Weather Awareness Week has been scheduled for March 3 to March 7, 2014. The weather safety presentation by the National Weather Service in Wichita, will be on March 4 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The statewide tornado drill is also scheduled for March 4.

7. Training Opportunities

Chairman Miller told members that a Foreign Animal Disease tabletop for the South Central Kansas Homeland Security Region has been scheduled for March 5 in Wichita. The suggested audience for the exercise is law enforcement, emergency management, fire service, public works, animal control, veterinarians, and environmental health.

Teri Thomas, Great Bend Regional Hospital, discussed the Active Shooter Workshop being offered by the South Central Healthcare Coalition on February 19. She said that all emergency responders would be welcome to attend as well as hospitals, physician offices and long term care facilities. Ms. Thomas said that she would forward the information to Amy Miller to be sent out to the LEPC membership. Anyone who is interested in taking the class should visit the KS-Train website and enroll in the presentation which has a course number of 1048142. There are also presentations of the same workshop in Pittsburg on February 18, Salina on February 20 and Hays on February 21. The website is <https://ks.train.org>.

Lily Akings, Barton County Health Department, said that a video link has been posted to the Barton County Facebook page that is about surviving an Active Shooter Event.

8. Regional Commodity Flow Study

Chairman Miller explained that a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant had been awarded to Cowley County for a South Central Kansas Regional project. Cowley County will serve as the regional project coordinator. The study will build on prior regional preparedness projects to further enhance the readiness of the regional against potential hazardous materials risks. The outcome of the information collected during the study will be a data-based risk analysis of the intermodal flow of commodities (hazardous materials) through each participating county and the region. EMFusion, LLC is the Kansas firm contracted to complete the project.

Chairman Miller explained that the Barton County LEPC had been asked to sign a contract with the Cowley County LEPC to support the project, designate an LEPC member to be the Local Project Lead, support the local emergency manager, and agree to commit \$1,960.20 as an in-kind non-federal match for the project. Miller told members that Richard Boeckman, Barton County Counselor/Administrator, had reviewed the contract and informed her that only the Barton County Board of County Commissioners could enter into a contractual agreement for the project.

Miller went on to say that she would be obtaining further information about the data collection needs from Barton County at the February 6, South Central Kansas Emergency Managers Meeting. After that meeting she would meet with the County Commissioners to discuss the project. At this time she asked the committee to nominate an LEPC member to serve as the Local Project Lead in the event that the County Commission approves the contract. After discussion by the members present at the meeting, it was decided to nominate Amy Miller as the Local Project Lead, even though she is the county emergency manager.

Action: To appoint Amy Miller as the Local Project Lead for the 2014 South Central Kansas Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study, if the project is approved by the Barton County Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: Lily Akings

Second: Dale Phillip

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

9. Reports from Members

There were no reports offered from members.

10. Other Business and Public Comments

John Hughes, Ellinwood District Hospital, informed the committee that there was a proposal to require anyone accepting Medicare payments to establish emergency preparedness plans. At this time, there is no specific information on what this might mean for long term care facilities, physician offices and clinics, and other health care providers.

Hughes also described resources that may be made available to the county from the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Wichita in the event of a disaster/emergency. He stated that the only requirement to utilize the resources appeared to be that the resources be used to provide benefits to veterans.

11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

The next meeting date has been suggested for April 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Room 101, Great Bend, Kansas.

12. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Lily Akings

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.