

## **LEPC Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, ~9:00 AM**

Roll Call

**Attendees:** PSU Nursing Students (Logan Marquardt, Josie Murphy), Richard Matteson, Carrie Amershek, Kylie Ludwig, Peyton Kessler, Todd Campbell, Addison Haddock, Terry Clugston, Steven Kreeger, Josh Smith, Lyle Grandy, Brian Henderson, Kyle Clark, Jake Letner Robert Parker, Grant Spieth, Matt Campbell

Approval of last month's minutes- approved

Review of chemical related incidents previous month- EM- no spills. Member questioned signs of spilling on roadway around the COOP.

### **Old Business:**

Invited Josh Smith and Robert Parker to come and visit about what the EM does and understand what the LEPC does.

### **New Business:**

Reach out to Coop to see if anyone would attend the LEPC meetings.

Welcomed Lyle Grandy as the new Cherokee County Emergency Manager.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Robert Parker presented the role of LEPC. Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Lead Regional Coordinator | Southeast Kansas Regional Emergency Management Coordinator, Josh Smith asked if ESF 10 must be reviewed each year by the LEPC, Robert informed the group that it should be reviewed but it is no longer a requirement to review annually since going to all hazard's coordination. It would still be a good practice.

Recommendations from KDEM representatives included.

1. ESF-10 review annually
2. Review of Bylaws annually
3. Invite commissioners to LEPC meetings
4. Consider moving the LEPC around the county to encourage localized participation from fire departments, and other community leaders.
5. Consider having road and bridge come to the LEPC meetings.
6. Invite local business representatives that complete TIER II reports.
7. Consider viewing other LEPC meetings (Crawford and Labette County) Lyle Grandy to get contacts from Josh Smith

Josh Smith distributed County LEPC Responsibilities Handout for all to understand what the LEPC must do. See attached.

### **Agency Reports:**

Sheriff-Saturday at 2:00 PM, training with coop for tower confined space rescue training.

EMS- 376 calls last month, first EMT class 8 passed first class, approached about a second class starting in May (tent.). participated in coop class with Columbus Fire.

Health Department- No news

EM-Getting started and does nuisance code, sanitation, etc.

EPA- Friday a procession of government vehicles expected in the county , EPA drone use notifications 72 hours prior to use so that county is aware of drone use in the area. EPA has two active sites with cleanup activities.

**Public Forum:**

Extension- No news

Local Government- No news

Community Partners- No news

Adjourn: 9:45 AM

**Next LEPC Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM- Cherokee County Sheriff's Office**

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