

# KIOWA COUNTY

## Local Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting

Kiowa County Community Center

April 8, 2014

Present: Ray Stegman, Kendal Lothman, Lorena Lothman, Jay Koehn, Jeremy Hoover, Toshia Hoover, Bob Wedel, Misty Ford, Mitzi Hesser, Matt Christensen, Donna Meier Pfeifer, Cody Sherer, Mike Day, Paul Alvarez, Mary Sweet, Dell Bertram, Oscar Ebert, Robin Rose, Aaron Linnebur, Clay Parkin, Hake Parkin, Jeff Schmidt, Ryan Davis, Kasey Gamble, Clarence Banzet, Larry Aldrich, Travis Barnes, Ed Koger, Ron, Freeman, Andy Kimble, David Unruh, Ken McMahon, Shannan McMahon, Rod Nace, Lani Nace, Chris Nace, Rick Angers, Rex Butler, Shirley Butler, and Rick Titus

After the welcome and introduction, Ray Stegman asked everyone if they'd had a chance to review the minutes from the March meeting. Jay Koehn made a motion to approve and Mitzi Hesser seconded.

In old business, Ray updated on where we were at with the CFS. He, Kendal and Lorena attended training in Kinsley given by Roger Maag. We are getting ready to do the actual counts of vehicles soon.

Ray also informed everyone that renewal of our hazardous Mitigation plan is coming up. We will be having a meeting at the Community Center April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4pm for everyone that can make it. It's comes up for renewal every 5 years and helps FEMA decide if we qualify for grants.

Our EOP, including ESF8, that was with the state for review was returned with recommendations for needed changes. (One being that it is approx 700 pages too long!) Because of our larger than usual attendance, Mitzi Hesser explained to everyone that ESF8 is basically our 'medical' chapter of the plan. And that if anyone had phone numbers or any other info that pertained that needed updating they needed to let her office know.

In reference to last meetings mention of the 911 system's need to update, Ray said they were hoping to apply and be approved for a grant for assistance in the cost.

In new business, the Sheriff's Office applied for a Conceal to Carry grant and was granted \$12,500.00. They purchased a Live Scan Fingerprint system. It will return results of prints much quicker than mailing in the rolled ink prints on paper. They are working on getting it all hooked up with state and federal systems. Should be up and running by the end of May. 68 agencies applied for this grant and only 12 were granted.

Kendal Lothman informed everyone that he and Lorena Lothman would be attending the Kansas Association of Public Information Officers May 8-9, 2014. It is a 2day training class to learn how to better write and provide information to the public during an event/incident. Lorena Lothman is the official PIO for Kiowa County.

In discussion or questions Oscar Ebert asked if there was any update on the strength of pagers, etc. because 'reception in Haviland sucks'. Ray said that due to the narrow-banding or low-banding there have been some issues with reception. He mentioned they may need to set up a second repeater. They may just need to do a point to point check. Going all 800 would be very costly. Jay Koehn also mentioned that it may also be due to the type of building they may be in when trying to use it.

Mike Day with Kansas Gas advised that they would be getting with the local fire departments in the near future reference release of gas.

Discussion that the next meeting would include a tabletop exercise. All agreed September 2nd at 5:30 would work. It will be at the Community Center. Jay Koehn moved and Kendal Lothman seconded.

Jeff Hutton with the National Weather Service out of Dodge City was present due to the Severe Weather training immediately following our meeting requested that he be advised of future meetings. Lorena added him to email list.

Jay Koehn moved to adjourn meeting, Kendal Lothman seconded.

Signed:



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