

KIOWA COUNTY

Local Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting

Kiowa County Community Center

February 9, 2016

Present: Ray Stegman, Andrea Taylor, Jay Koehn, Ron Freeman, Christina Thronesbery, Clarence Banzet, Cyndee Tuttle, Robin Rose, Cody Sherer, William Langley, Rick Sherer, Andy Kimble, Jay Schmidt, Kaylen Jones, Kuyler Ludwig, Mitzi Hesser, Ryan Davis, Richard McVey, and Ed Koger

Ray Stegman called meeting to order at 5:35 and had members read last meetings' minutes, Jay Koehn motioned to approve, Christina Thronesbery seconded.

In old business, transition of new staff member Andrea Taylor, she has transitioned well.

In new business, The Hazardous Mitigation Plan and EOP are approved by the commissioners and being approved by all local jurisdictions. We still have Haviland School and Barclay College left and should get them approved on Friday, February 12.

Plans for the local CO-OP's, are at the office, if we ever have an incident like West Texas, we want our firefighters to know what each CO-OP's have as far as dry fertilizer, liquid, and whatever else they have. Jay was told that the CO-OP's do not store Ammonium Nitrate and Robin Rose confirmed that Haviland's CO-OP does not.

EMS Updates: Kaylen Jones said that the EMS is hosting an EMT class. This class has 10 individuals that will be certified EMT's after completion, and half are from Kiowa County.

Fire Department Updates: Jay Koehn reported that Oscar Ebert stepped down as Haviland Fire Chief as of the end of 2015. Robin Rose, who was the Assistant Fire Chief, agreed to be Haviland's new Fire Chief and he appointed William Langley as the Assistant Fire Chief. The Fire Chief's, from the different county departments, have had a meeting already this year and are working on maybe meeting quarterly. Jay said they are in the process of getting bids for a new chassis for the Mullinville quick attack truck. Jay also reported that they have had 1 structure fire this year, all 3 units called out, and we were very lucky to have it put out in 30 seconds. Michelle McKinney is now the Secretary for the Greensburg Fire Department. We had over 75% turn out for business and training meetings, which is better than it has been. Also if we don't start getting any moisture a burn ban will have to be put into place.

Law Enforcement Updates: Richard McVey indicated that the last couple of months the Sheriff's Office have been updating and installing new equipment. NexGen 911 is up and running. He would like the different Fire Departments to come in sometime and go over how the new system works and work on how they will call in

when an emergency happens. The last phase of the new system is radios and this should be completed sometime in March. Richard is also working with DJ McMurry on GIS for the new system.

Additional Items: Mitzi Hesser said that there will be a Tabletop exercise at Barclay Gym in Haviland on Friday, February 12 at 10:00. We are required, by the State, to complete these exercises every 2 years. Also the surrounding counties are completing an exercise the same day, so we won't be able to count on them for help. Mitzi also mentioned a Health and Medical Symposium for all ESF8 groups in Wichita on March 3rd.

Andrea reported that the making of badges will be delayed due to the badge machine breaking down. As soon as I get it back everyone will have their new or updated badges. Ray mentioned that this machine is the one we had after the tornado, and that we need to look into replacing it in the future.

Ray Stegman had a power point presentation for Northern Natural Gas. This power point talked about how the plant in Mullinville operates, what kind of gases goes through the pipes, and what to do in an emergency.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Christina Thronesbery, Cyndee Tuttle seconded, and all were in agreement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____