

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Minutes for June 19, 2014

Don Button called the meeting to order at 11:38am with 8 members present. Those present were Alfred Baker, Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Alyssa Duncan, Roger Gardner, Sam Hayden and Nancy Lucas.

Nancy Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes to the May meeting. Alyssa Duncan seconded. Motion Carried.

Don reminded everyone of the Regional 18 County Tabletop in Garden City on July 10th put on by Southwest Kansas Regional Health Coalition. There is still time to register on KS-Train. 107 participants have signed up. Eleven are from Ulysses. They include participants from Compass Behavioral Health, Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital, Grant County Health Dept, and Emergency Management.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) has developed a Kansas Exercise Tracking System (KETS). All county exercises will have to be entered into this system to be accepted for credit from KDEM for grant funds and requirements. Don Button has been designated as the Grant County Exercise Coordinator and has completed the KETS webinar training.

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council is working on nine projects for the 2014 fiscal year Grant Funds. These projects are up grading the Accountability system (CRMCS); sustainment of the Incident Management Teams project; the interoperability project, they are working on 800 radios for Public Works and Law Enforcement; the sustainment of the Search and Rescue Task force 6; more portable corrals; EMS Region 2 project for a mass casualty trailer and to become a member of MERGe; Light towers with generators; Active Shooter training for dispatch and Law Enforcement officers and sustainment of the local Hazmat Team. The region received \$324,000 in grant funds.

Strike Team Task Force leader training held May 30, 31 and June 1 was attended by eighteen of which eight were from Ulysses. John and Nancy both agreed it was a good class and was information you could use daily.

Grant County has had several storms with wind and hail damage in the county as well as in the City of Ulysses. We have had more hail this year than in the last several years.

The Race Across America (RAAM) was completed this week with the race coming thru Ulysses. The time station was set up at the Alco parking lot. At the time station was the SWERV (South West Emergency Response Vehicle) Bus and Bitter Suites portable bathroom station. The racers were very appreciative of our hospitality.

The Grant County Fair starts July 12 and goes thru the 19. Our next LEPC meeting will be held at the Emergency Management Booth at the fair on July 17.

The 2014 Kansas Preparedness and Human Services in Disaster Summit will be July 25-26 in Topeka. The 2014 KDEM Training Cadre Meeting will be July 15. Don hopes to be able to bring more training to the area for next year.

Tim Dieker from Chaosland, talked to Don. He stated all of their chemicals are under the reportable quantity amounts but he will send a list of what they have for the Fire Department and LEPC

NextGen-911 Grant County is working with the providers and giving them the information they need to put the proposal together.

Insurance Safety Organization (ISO) audit was conducted this week. It looks at water amounts and fire trucks we have per population, business and coverage area. It will take four to six months to get the results. This is used to help determine insurance rates.

Upcoming training in Kansas from Kansas Division of Emergency Management website Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) July 8 to 10 in Newton, G202 Debris Management Planning on Dec 9-11 Location to be determined, G489 July 15 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster at Jetmore, and PER-902 Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents in Hugoton June 25 or 26. Or you can go to the website and get the full list <http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=266> .

Roger Gardner, Pioneer Communications, stated they hope to be done with the fiber optics in 3 or 4 months.

Alyssa Duncan, Linn Energy, thanked the Fire Department and Emergency Management for the HazMat suits. The replacements suits should be coming in soon. This saved them a lot of down time. Linn Energy and XTO made an agreement to exchange some properties. OXY USA was purchased by Merit Energy Company.

Sam Hayden, USD 214, stated they still need bus drivers. They are reseeding the football field. They are having trouble with people getting on the field and tearing up the field and other things. Sam asked if Don could do some 800MHz radio training in September. Nancy from the hospital also would like 800MHz radio training. They will set up a date and conduct the training.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, said they had been busy getting ready for the ISO audit and the 2015 budget. They had reports of several lightning strikes starting fires, but most were out before they got there. They have had several other fires. He has requested a new fire truck to replace a 33 year old truck. Our Fire Department has been training with Stanton County and Satanta Fire Department. This has gone very well and they will try

to conduct more training. Roger asked if the Fire Department had Thermal Cameras. They have three.

Alfred Baker stated he is moving a lot better since his last surgery.

The next meeting day will be July 17 at the Grant County Fair at the Emergency Management Booth at 11:30 am.

Sam Hayden made a motion to adjourn. Alfred Baker seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.