

**Cowley County LEPC/Citizen Corps  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 9, 2019  
Cowley County Emergency Operations Center  
321 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Winfield, KS 67156**

**Call to order**

The Cowley County LEPC/Citizen Corps meeting was convened in open and public session on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 1:30pm by Chair Vincent Warren in the Cowley County EOC in Winfield, Kansas. Those in attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet.

**Introductions**

Those in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

**Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting dated November 27, 2018, were distributed to all attendees previously by email and at the beginning of this meeting.

Motion by Tanner Langer to approve the minutes as presented.

Second by Justin Waite.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update – John Stradal, Cowley Co EM

John gave an overview of the plan. It has been approved by FEMA and will go before the Board of County Commissioners in July for adoption.

Training and Exercise Plan Review – John Stradal, Cowley Co EM

John reviewed the plan created in late 2018 and discussed the progress of exercises and trainings. The group was encouraged to begin looking at their requirements for 2020 and be ready to discuss those at the next TEPW later this year.

**New Business**

City of Winfield Gas Utility Presentation – Troy Blanton and Danielle Fullhart, City of Winfield

Each year the City of Winfield attends the LEPC meetings to provide awareness and safety information regarding their gas utility services. The City created a public awareness document that was sent out to all LEPC members prior to the meeting. Troy Blanton and Danielle Fullhart from the City of Winfield were attendance to present information. They simply reiterated the importance of having the awareness regarding a gas leak and what do if one is detected. They provided a sign-in sheet for all attendees to sign as part of their program.

Southern Start Presentation – Sean Nolte, Southern Star

Sean Nolte attended and presented the group with information about Southern Start to include leak identification and recognition. He talked about priorities of a release which include working together, secure the area, control access, establish a command center and evacuations. He also discussed the importance of the 811 program. Mr. Nolte will provide a copy of his presentation and a map of their lines in Cowley County.

### **Open Discussion**

Jim Leftwich of KDEM mentioned the open disaster from the flooding that occurred beginning April 28. He reminded everyone that the disaster period is still not closed so any damages/costs from the recent rains could be considered.

The City-Cowley County Health Department (CCHD) was asked about the possibility of leading an ESF-8 exercise next year. Tanner advised that the topic has been discussed internally and the outcome it to be determined.

The CCHD was asked about any activities regarding the mosquito situation. They advised that they have focused on getting information to the media and doing public education. Tanner stated that some KDHE monitoring but that Cowley County was not selected.

There was discussion about the CCHD doing inspections and Tanner explained to the group the details of that process.

### **Being no further business:**

Motion by Tanner Langer to adjourn at 2:08pm.

Second by Jodi Pew.

Motion carried unanimously.