

**Cowley County LEPC/Citizen Corps
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Cowley County Emergency Operations Center
321 E. 10th Ave. Winfield, KS 67156**

Call to order

The Cowley County LEPC/Citizen Corps meeting was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 9:01am 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 July 9, 2019, were distributed to all attendees previously by email and at the beginning of this meeting.

Brian pointed out one mistake in the minutes regarding the date and that will be corrected.

Motion by Lloyd Colston to approve the minutes as amended.

Second by Tom Langer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

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

John gave an overview of the plan and the review process over the last year, including the status of jurisdictional approvals. He discussed the importance of the HMP as it relates to the potential for future funding. John also reviewed the Letters of Intent process over the past several months and emphasized that three entities in Cowley County were approved.

Emergency Operations Plan – Brian Stone, Cowley Co EM

Brian advised the group that it is normal for EM and the local fire departments to review ESF 10 and seek approval at this meeting. However, since a complete review was done and promulgated by the Board of County Commissioners on July 8 of this year, that is not necessary at this meeting. The current EOP will be valid until January of 2024. Portions of the plan, including ESF 10 will be reviewed annually to be approved by this group beginning in 2020.

New Business

Status of Disaster 4449 – Brian Stone, Cowley Co EM

Brian advised the group that disaster 4449 which includes Cowley County is still open and progress has been slow. He has received word from KDEM this week that jurisdictions are encouraged to continue doing their work, track their expenses and keep all photos. This process has been slowed due to the number of applicants across the entire state. For this disaster, there were 70 counties included in the declaration and there were approximately 25 applicants just within Cowley County.

Statewide KDHE Exercise (April 2020) – Tom Langer, City-Cowley County Health Department

Tom updated the group on the upcoming exercise facilitated by KDHE in April of 2020. The scenario will include a pandemic outbreak to test capacities of entities and how they will respond. Cowley County does intend to participate and set up a POD. Tom will share more information as this event draws closer.

EM Volunteer Group Reorganization – Brian Stone, Cowley Co EM

Brian spoke briefly about a year-long process of the consolidation of the Emergency Management volunteer groups. He assured the attendees that this will not affect the way the volunteers assist them with their needs. This change will take effect on January 1, 2020.

Open Discussion

Census – Lloyd Colston

Lloyd passed out cards and gave an overview of the lack of workers and that more employees are needed. He asked that the group help recruit potential individuals to apply online. He stated the number of people needed is around 180 for this county. He emphasized the important of an accurate census which helps the county receive federal dollars.

Officer Election

Motion by Lloyd Colston for Doug Allison as Chair, Tom Langer as Vice-Chair and to close nominations.

Second by Kim Voth.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business:

Motion by to adjourn by John Stradal at 9:43am.

Second by Taylor Dory.

Motion carried unanimously.