

MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY LEPC

The Brown County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 27, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Sac and Fox Tribe Community Building. Due to technical difficulties, the meeting started at 3:51 p.m.

Emergency Manager Don Pounds, presided and called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Don Pounds, Melissa Gormley, Steve Markham, Jeremy Forkenbrock, Greg Bebemeyer, Stephanie Knudson, Robin Downard, Mark Junker, Debra Tucker.

Guests: Mike McDonald and Lisa Montgomery.

Excused: John Merchant, Jason Cline, Curtis Stahel, Lonnie Moser, Jennifer Brockhoff. Unexcused: Kelly Bryant, Nathan Gray, John Defore, Duke Koerperich, George Bruning, Lamar Shoemaker, Nestoria Wright, Gene Atland, Bryce Haverkamp, John Boller, Kristina Romine.

Introduction of participants: Debra Tucker will take the place of Sarah Wickman. Debra introduced herself and reviewed her background information with Red Cross. Jason Bare (unable to attend due to work) was introduced by Don Pounds. Jason is a line superintendent at Brown Atchison REA.

The minutes from the March 31, 2021, meeting was read. Motion by Mark Junker to accept the minutes. Seconded by Greg Bebemeyer. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Don Pounds and Robin Downard reviewed incidents during 2021.

Robin Downard gave a review of current Local Health Disaster, COVID 19. She stated the county has 49 active cases in the past week, 1469 total cases, 38 deaths, and one current hospitalizations. Booster clinics will be offered at the 1st Baptist Church on November 4, 2021 from 1 p.m. -4 p.m. November 5, 2021, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and November 12, 2021 from 9a.m. to 12 p.m.

Other items Don reviewed was the storm damage from June 11, 2021, anhydrous ammonia release on June 20, 2021, storm damage from June 24, 2021, anhydrous ammonia release on July 6, 2021, and the gas tanker roll over from October 22, 2021.

Don discussed the Ag Partners training event that occurred August 2, 2021.

New Business: None

The committee updated the LEPC membership.

Motion by Melissa Gormley to accept Debra Tucker as a member. Seconded by Jeremy Forkenbrock. Motion carried

Don Pounds discussed the Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) response tabletop exercise. The next meeting will be October 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. Location to be determined. Don Pounds adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.