

MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY LEPC

The LEPC met on July 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sac and Fox Community Building.

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

Those present were: Steven Markham, Melissa Gormley, Dwight Kruse, Don Pounds, Kristina Romine in place of Chastity Schumann, Jeremy Forkenbrock, Greg Bebemeyer, Stephanie Knudson, Sarah Wickman, Pat Luckenbill, Steve Harsha, Bryce Haverkamp, and Mark Junker. Some members met via Zoom.

Pounds introduced Bryce Haverkamp of the Kansas Forest Service to the LEPC.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes from February 5, 2020, meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes by Steve Markham. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Pounds reported Brown County LEPC membership was approved on June 27, 2020, by the state. LEPC still needs to complete an emergency response exercise and accept public comment. Pounds will publish the next meeting on the Brown County website 30 days ahead of time. He also stated that he would work with Maple Heights to complete the exercise.

Brown County has seen a small increase in COVID-19 numbers. Kristina Romine stated there are 32 positive tests and 873 tests have been conducted. Jeremy Forkenbrock stated there are two residents in hospitals, but not the Hiawatha Hospital.

Mark Junker and Don Pounds updated the committee on the train derailment near Reserve. They also discussed the lack of accurate manifest provided by UPRR. One tanker was leaking cottonseed oil.

Article IV, Section 2, requires the establishment of 4 committees. Stephanie Knudson volunteered to the Right to Know Committee Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Melissa Gormley volunteered to the Right to Know Committee Vice Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed.

Kristina Romine volunteered to Public Education and Information Committee Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Sarah Wickman volunteered to Public Education and Information Committee Vice Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Melissa Gormley nominated Curtis Stahel to Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Committee Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Pat Luckenbill volunteered to the Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Committee Vice Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Mark Junker stated he would like to serve on this committee as well. Jeremy Forkenbrock nominated Duke Koeperich to Emergency Response and Resources Committee Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Jeremy Forkenbrock was nominated by Mark Junker to the Emergency Response and Resources Committee Vice Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business: Melissa Gormley is going to continue PIO classes. She has not checked back to see if the classes had started again due to the election.

Don stated the next meeting will be October 28, 2020, and the committee would receive public comment. New officers should be elected to take effect January 1, 2021. Currently there are no limits on consecutive terms or alternating years. The LEPC should look into that.

Don will talk to John Calhoon about hosting the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Knudson. Seconded by Melissa Gormley. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be October 28, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED