

MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY LEPC

The Brown County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on March 31, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, Hiawatha, KS.

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

Those present were: Melissa Gormley, Duke Koerperich, Lamar Shoemaker, Don Pounds, Robbie Parker was in place of John Merchant, Nestoria Wright, Jeremy Forkenbrock, Greg Bebemeyer, Stephanie Knudson, Robin Downard, Mark Junker, Jennifer Brockhoff.

Excused: Steve Markham, Jason Cline, Curtis Stahel, Lonnie Moser.

Unexcused: Kelly Bryant, Nathan Gray, John Defore, George Bruning, Sarah Wickman, Gene Atland, Bryce Haverkamp, John Boller.

The minutes from the October 28, 2020, meeting were read. Motion by Mark Junker to accept the minutes. Seconded by Stephanie Knudson Motion carried.

Robin Downard gave a review of current Local Health Disaster, COVID 19. She stated the county has 6 active cases, 1121 total cases, 32 deaths, and no current hospitalizations. Vaccines are open to the general public for anyone over 18. KexRx, Amberwell, Hiawatha Community Hospital will now be able to give the vaccine. Downard stated the county is around 20% vaccinated, which is in line with the surrounding counties but short of what the state was expecting.

New Business: None

Pat Luckenbill resigned his position due to moving out of state. Motion by Greg Bebemeyer to accept the resignation of Pat Luckenbill. Seconded by Mark Junker. Motion carried.

Don Pounds stated attendance will need to be recorded accordingly. Some members have not responded to emails, and the committee needs to keep track of how many meetings members are or are not attending.

The LEPC will begin meeting one time a year starting in 2022, unless something big comes up. There will be a meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at the Sac and Fox Community Building that will be open to public comment.

Training: Southern Star- Gary Tolle, Specialist III IM & PHMSA and Sonny Williams were available to discuss the pipeline that runs through Brown County. They discussed what a person might see, hear or smell if there is a gas leak. They also went over how respond to a pipeline emergency.

Don Pounds adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.