

## MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY LEPC

The Brown County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 23, 2024, at 4:30pm at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Community Building in Reserve, KS.

Emergency Manager Don Pounds presided and called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Those present were: Don Pounds, Steve Markham, Rich Lehmkuhl, Alex Batstone, Dennis Entrikin, Amy Kahbeah, Kristina Romine, Jeremy Forkenbrock, Greg Bebemeyer, Richard Rodvelt, Rebecca Kramer, Lonnie Moser, Curtis Stahel, Payton Beims, Brigette Robidoux, Tyran Banks, Richard Rockwell, Richard Betts, Cameson Wood, and Dugan Shoemaker.

Introduction of Participants- Introductions were made by everyone in the room.

Review and approval of minutes from October 25, 2023 meeting- Motion to approve the minutes by Lonnie Moser. Seconded by Jeremy Forkenbrock.

Public Comment- No public comment.

Incidents in 2024 – No incidents.

New Business-

Don Pounds gave an update on the Local Emergency Operating Plan. Don is working with local school and health officials to update the plan.

Members reviewed the LEPC Membership. Don Pounds went over the membership requirements which state that members must attend 1 meeting every 2 years. Don made recommendation on new members to fill vacancies. Don recommended adding Amy Kahbeah, Alex Batstone, Eric Sheets, and Dennis Entrikin as members. Steve Markham made a motion to approve. Curtis Stahel seconded. Don Pounds will report the membership list to the state for approval.

Membership positions, which are required to be updated every two years, were discussed. Jeremy Forkenbrock made a motion to keep Don Pounds as the Chairperson. Seconded by Lonnie Moser. Motion Carried. Kristina Romine made a motion to cease nominations for Chairperson. Seconded by Rebecca Kramer. Motion Carried. Kristina Romine made a motion to keep Jeremy Forkenbrock as the Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Rebecca Kramer. Motion carried. Lonnie made a motion to cease nominations for Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Rebecca Kramer. Motion carried. Jeremy Forkenbrock made a motion to appoint Amy Kahbeah as Secretary. Seconded by Don Pounds. Motion carried. Curtis Stahel made a motion to cease nominations for Secretary. Seconded by Lonnie Moser. Motion carried. Lonnie Moser made a motion to keep Greg Bebemeyer as the Information Coordinator. Seconded by Curtis Stahel. Motion carried. Rebecca Kramer made a motion to cease nominations for Information Coordinator. Seconded by Rich Rodvelt. Motion carried.

Members reviewed the LEPC bylaws. Lonnie Moser made a motion to keep the bylaws the same. Seconded by Rebecca Kramer. Motion carried.

Membership positions within subcommittee were also discussed.

- Right-to-know Committee: Stephanie Knutson continuing as Chairperson. Curtis Stahel as Vice Chairperson.
- Public Education and Information Committee: Kristina Romine continuing as Chairperson. Melanie Mears as Vice Chairperson.
- Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Committee: Curtis Stahel continuing as Chairperson. Removing optional second position.
- Emergency Response and Resources Committee: Duke Koerperich continuing as Chairperson. Jeremy Forkenbrock continuing as Vice Chairperson.

No other new business.

Next meeting will be held at 3:30pm on October 22, 2025 at the Horton High School Library in Horton, KS.

Curtis Stahel gave an update on Anhydrous Ammonia production in the area and advised that in the upcoming months more would be transported on area roads which would require heightened awareness in the community.

Grace Chapin from Southern Star Pipeline presented on emergency response related to pipelines in NE Kansas.

Don Pounds adjourned the meeting.