

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting

Scheduled for January 27, 2003 but postponed until February 2, 2004 due to weather

Chairman Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m in the Community room at Miller, Nebraska.

Roll call

present (11): Robert Anderson, Vern Fiala, Greg France, Ken Gardner, Judy Jobman, Darrin Lewis, Tim Loewenstein, Wesley Quail, Dan Saathoff, Kim Schmidt and Ken Tracy

Excused (7): Matt Boerkircher, Don Engel, Jr., Dale Gibbs, Allen Johnson, Jim Kowalewski, Dan Lynch, Mike Martinosky

absent (1) Harlan Simmerman

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Ken Gardner, seconded by Ken Tracy to approve the minutes of October 27, 2003. Motion carried.

Oral Communication

Robert Anderson commended the residents of Miller for their renovation of the Miller Community Center and for allowing use of the building by the LEPC. Chairman Loewenstein further offered applause and appreciation to Eva Quail of Miller for her delicious refreshments. All in attendance unanimously supported both issues.

Old Business

Binit Pradhanang was present for discussion and to assist Loewenstein in a power point presentation of the Buffalo County LEPC Web site for viewing and review of the LEPC members. Tim and Binit will create all of the LEPC members e-mail addresses into a List Serve for the group's discussion of future issues. After discussion of the suggestions given for additional information on the web site, Ken Gardner moved, seconded by Kim Schmidt to approve the LEPC web site as presented and to create public access for the site on February 3, 2004. Motion carried.

Chairman Loewenstein, read the following list of reappointments to the LEPC committee: Ken Gardner, Kearney Volunteer Fire Department; Dale Gibbs, Good Samaritan Hospital; Don Engle Jr., Big Flag Farm Supply; Jim Kowalewski, UAP Pueblo; Dan Lynch, Kearney Police Department and Wesley Quail, Miller Fire Department. The six persons for reappointment received the unanimous support of the group which were forwarded to the State Emergency Response Commission in Lincoln.

New Business

Chairman Loewenstein welcomed Executive Coordinator Betty Curtis from the Grand Island Clean Community System. Betty went through the list, which our LEPC needs to do and/or provide for the Clean Community System Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Our collection is scheduled for May 1, 2004 from 8:00A.M until 1:00P.M. at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. We need at least forty volunteers who should arrive by 6:45A.M.on the morning of May 1 and they should stay at least an hour after the end of the event for cleanup. We will have four lanes for acceptance of paint and household waste with a fifth lane for receipt of only oil about which Tracy will check with Steve Hart. Betty recommended taking no batteries and computers. The group decided to list where tires, computers, batteries and other items could be disposed of on all of their flyers, stories and advertisements. The list Betty provided of what is needed for our collection day and who is responsible for providing follows:

Things we will need or do for your household hazardous waste collection day.

We need your community/county to provide the following:

VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR: (NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16!)

Matt Boerkircher

- a. Surveys distributed at entrance and collect at exit
- b. Unloading vehicles (mostly firemen)
- c. Assist with Set-up and clean up
- d. Person to sign in volunteers and give white coats out
- e. OPEN PAINT CANS

TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR:

Dan Baer and the Radio Club

- Keep traffic flowing
- No walk-in materials
- Exit area in orderly fashion
- Cones for traffic control
- and Dividing lanes:
 - Paint and other materials in one lane, another lane just for oil, (Hart)
 - batteries and computers (Junkman)
 - (may need extra lanes for paint and etc., depends on population)

PUBICITY:

Kim Schmidt and Darrin Lewis

- News stories before event
- Story for location and what citizens can bring
- Story and day after event if possible
 - (we need copies of all newspaper articles for report to DEQ)

PHOTOGRAPHER:

[Binit Pradhanang](#)

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

[Ken Gardner and Mike Martinosky](#)

- Safety is NUMBER 1 concern
- Have a fire truck on site in case of accident
- Have an ambulance available or on site in case of injury or if someone gets overheated (**Dale Gibbs**)

TABLES AND CHAIRS:

[Tim Loewenstein](#)

- Approximately 8-12 tables and 6 chairs (tables will be covered with plastic)
Tables are for signing volunteers in, distribution of surveys, collection of surveys and donation, tables are also for opening paint cans and some needed for contractor who will be disposing of our household waste

FOOD AND DRINKS:

[Ken Gardner](#)

- Lunch for volunteers and pop, water and coffee for volunteers (lunch only if we have you scheduled over lunch hour example: 9AM – 2PM) if your event is 8AM – Noon or 1PM – 3PM do not need to supply food

MISC. NEEDS:

[Steve Hart](#)

- 4 used sheets of 4'8'x1" plywood instead of pallets
- **Dan Saathoff** will ask Junkman
Roll-offs from local haulers maybe an extra for cardboard
Ken Tracy will ask Steve Hart
- Disposal of trash is up to the community and county

WHAT WE WILL BRING:

[Betty Curtis and her crew](#)

- Educational brochures and flyers
- Car litter bags
- Survey sheets
- Pencils
- Clip Boards
- Signs
- T-Shirt for committee volunteers
- White coats for volunteers
- Gloves, goggles and paint can openers
- Grills for drums (to set paint cans on to drain into drums)
- Plastic for tables and roll-offs
- Plastic for ground if needed
- Paint person

- Recycler for lead acid batteries and computers
Dan Saathoff is asking Junkman
- (Oil recycler)???

WHAT BETTY AND HER CREW WILL DO:

- Write the final report to the Department of Environmental Quality
- Do quarterly reports for the Department of Environmental Quality
- Contract with contractors for your Household Hazardous Waste
- Work with you on any problems that may arise before, during and after your event
- Help you have a successful event

Betty will also provide flyers. Binit will post information on LEPC web site.

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairman, Tim Loewenstein signed for Buffalo County the Household Hazardous Waste Community Agreement with Betty Curtis from the Grand Island Area Clean Community System Inc. and Dan Lynch is getting the signature for the City of Kearney. Both entities will be providing their checks in the amount of \$4,500.00 each to the Grand Island Clean Community System during the first week of March 2004.

Ken Tracy will talk with Steve Hart from the City of Kearney and schedule a tour of the new recycling center at 7:00p.m. which will be followed by our annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday April 26, 2004.

Scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year are July 26 and October 25 at 7:30P.M with locations to be announced.

Reports

There were no reports given.

Chairman Loewenstein declared the LEPC meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Loewenstein adjourned the meeting at 8:50P.M. until the next meeting which will be our annual meeting on April 26, 2004 at the City of Kearney's new recycling center.