

South Central Regional
Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 7th
Phelps County Courthouse

Present:

Terry Klein, John Jones, Roger Powell, Jeff England, Rudy Mattson, Dale Herrington, Connie Linder, Amy Elwood, Jill Schmidt, Pat Gerdes.

President Roger Powell called the meeting to order at 1333hrs. The open meetings act was posted.

Jeff moved to approve the agenda, Amy seconded. All ayes

Pat moved to approve the minutes, Amy seconded. All ayes.

Jill provided a treasurer's report. Amy motioned to approve, Pat seconded. All ayes.

Incident/LEOP reports:

- Kearney County: LEOP updated, no incidents
- Gosper County: n/a
- Phelps County: Pat advised the 72nd CST had stopped by Loomis after canisters were found in the Old Loomis Bank Vault. Apparently, in the 1920's, these were used as a theft deterrent in banks and were placed in the vault doors. When the doors were tampered with, the gas inside the canisters was released. The canisters were tested by the 72nd and were found to be Chloropicrin. This is similar to modern day pepper spray. Pat advised there have been canisters filled with cyanide and even mustard gas. Some training handouts were provided regarding these types of containers.
- Harlan County: not present
- Furnas County: Terry Klein stated there was a Tanker that lost some fuel in Arapahoe. DEQ was notified and the spill was cleaned up
- Franklin County: Not present

New Business:

Election of new officers were taken. Jill nominated Chris Becker for Vice Chair. Pat seconded. There were no other nominations and nominations ceased. All ayes.

Pat will take over as Chair and Jill will remain Sec/Treas.

Old Business:

Jill provided the shirt book. The consensus is a sport-tek shirt in tropic blue with white stitching. Please get sizes to Jill.

John Jones from the American Red Cross provided some information regarding Operation Pillowcase. He advised the program closes March 2015. They are hoping to get another year, but that is not guaranteed. Amy stated she would contact the schools to see if they were interested. This is a program for 3rd thru 5th graders. The program meets the math, science, and language arts standards.

John also stated there has been restructuring of the American Red Cross and he advised they are now the Kansas, Nebraska, and SW Iowa American Red Cross Chapter.

Open Topics/Other Business

Pat advised Rudy is going to Emmetsburg Maryland for CERT train the trainer course in December

At 2:15, Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting, Amy seconded. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Schmidt, Secretary.

Jill Schmidt
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Secretary/Treasurer