

LEPC Meeting

09/18/25

The meeting began at 10:08am at the Law Enforcement Center meeting room with 19 people in attendance. Stan Milliken gave the invocation. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

- Proxy
 - Discussion from the previous meeting regarding a proxy for members who are unable to attend the meetings was reviewed. Sarah and Tim looked at LEPC bi-laws from the national level as well as surrounding counties and having a proxy is not a common practice. They recommended amending the bi-laws to state no proxy shall be granted in the event of an absence for voting. Kirk Pagenkopf moved and Tori Riebel seconded to approve the amendment to the bi-laws. All voted yes.
- Nominations
 - Sarah Burkhart handed out nomination forms for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Information Coordinator, and Secretary/Treasurer positions that are up for re-election. The nominated names will be placed on a ballot at the December meeting and voted upon. The new officers' term will begin after the first of the year.

IPPW (Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop)

- JD Mersman led the group in an exercise to complete the 2025 IPPW that is required by the state.
- The IPPW allows the group to address and access needs and gaps within the LEPC and community for response/training/equipment/exercises.
- Trainings that may be helpful are: ICS 300/400 for new LEO, rescue task force, setting up an EOC at local level, CERT/volunteer groups, Airport.
- JD will compile the discussion items and complete the IPPW for Anderson County and submit a copy to Sarah and the State of Kansas.

New Business

- Community Training
 - Kirk Pagenkopf inquired about having community trainings for resiliency and "go bags" in the event of a disaster or event.
 - Sarah Burkhart has considered this training but hasn't had the time to develop a program.

Kirk Pagenkopf moved and Wes McClain seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM due to no further business. All voted yes.