

**Local Emergency Management Committee (LEPC)
Grayson County Courthouse Assembly room
08/04/22**

Minutes

Attendees: Gene Senek- Branch Energy Partners, Sarah Somers – Grayson OEM, Samantha Allison – Grayson OEM, Chad Cummings & Joyce White – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Jeff Lillis & Katy Osbourn – Grayson County Health Department, Andrie Krahl – Atmos Energy, Andy Brazie – Grayson County Fire Marshall, Bev Marten – Red Cross, Kevin Stevens – Texas Instruments, Moises Duran – City of Sherman, Lt. Michael Cain – Salvation Army, Chris Wallentine & Ronnie Bates – City of Denison.

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am by Gene Senek, chairperson.

Motion to approve minutes of April and May meetings (no meetings in June or July) made by Moises Duran and seconded by Bev Marten. Motion passed to approve minutes.

Treasurer report. No changes from previous month.

Discuss Shelter in Place brochure.

Gene Senek reminded us that the grant from Plains Pipeline was approved to assist with costs of the brochures. He turned the discussion over to Sarah Somers to update us on the brochure and discuss Shelter in Place and the need for education to the public.

Sarah showed us an electronic version of the updated brochure. It is streamlined some so it isn't so busy and now includes a QR code to direct folks to Code Red. She shared with the group that she recently attended a training, conducted by Harvard, about responding to Radiological events. Reminded us that it is really important to educate folks about how to Shelter in Place, for many events that is the best response choice. She shared with the group that New York City developed a video that would be good find and watch – she suggested doing a search for New York city's OEM video or shelter in place video.

Also PrepareMetroKC.org <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB4ahJpuhzo>

Sarah also spoke about the recent evacuation in a Denison neighborhood because of a fire and how well the notification worked for that. Samantha Allison shared comments from an older individual living in the area and how much he appreciated the wording and the form of the notification that allowed him to evacuate safely and the follow up notification.

Sarah also discussed STEAR (State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry) and that folks are signing up for this but this does not actually sign anyone up for services. Even though Grayson County participates in this, it is not really useful at this point. Working to figure out how to make this a more useful tool.

Some comments about the Shelter in Place Brochure. Joyce suggested the first two words of line 1 (**GET INSIDE**) and line 5 (**STAY INSIDE**) be all caps and bold. Andy asked about shutting off air systems and about dispatch. Chris asked about timeline for brochures being ready. Sarah said they

hope to have them ready for us to start distributing in the fall. Hopefully in time for fall festivals across the county. Have to get the grant funds and start the printing process.

Volunteers for monthly programs.

Gene Senek said he would present in a few months. Chad Cummings volunteered to discuss the Animal Plan at the September meeting. He also offered to present in November about Fire Prevention around homes.

Public Announcements:

Chad Cummings – August 26 is a Special Landowner program about land evaluations. He also brought a draft of the animal issues plan if anyone wants to look it over and make suggestions. He also mentioned in September there will be a public joint meeting with Cooke county about disaster preparedness in relation to livestock.

Andrie Kahl said August 11 is Call 811 day – Call before you dig.

Joyce White shared – August 19 is a child seat safety inspection day at WNJ parking lot from 10 am – 12 noon.

Jeff and Sarah shared the good news that after many, many, many years of trying to get a landowner to remove about 400,000 tires from property in western Grayson County, he now is down to about 150 tires to be removed.

Chris Wallentine made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Bev Martin. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.