

Commission on Emergency Planning & Response

Minutes

September 6, 2012

Members Present:

- Doug Schmitt, representing County Emergency Managers
- Jack Taylor, CEPR Chair, representing Firefighters
- Peter Carttar, representing KDOT
- Danny Shanks, representing Law Enforcement
- Eric Pippin, representing Col. Ernie Garcia, KHP
- Leo Henning, representing Dr. Robert Moser, Jr., KDHE
- Angee Morgan, representing MG Lee Tafarielli, The Adjutant General
- Henry Hungerbeeler, representing Transportation, Trucking & Rail
- Sandy Johnson, representing Dale Rodman, Dept. of Agriculture
- Mike McNulty, representing KDHE
- Doug Jorgensen, representing KS Fire Marshal's Office
- Darryn Gillihan, representing Business / Industry
- Ashley Goss, representing Public Health
- Martha Gabehart, representing Disabilities
 - Also proxy for Chris Howell, Tribes
- Mark Willis, representing Emergency Medical Services
- Russ Tomevi, representing Public Works
- Kent Cornish, representing Business / Industry - Broadcasters

Members Not Present: (same as above)

- Pat Collins, representing Regional Councils
- Melissa Dinsmore, representing Hospitals
- Tim East, representing Energy
- Scott Briggs, representing Counties
- Clayton Huseman, representing Agriculture, Crop or Livestock
- Bill Brown, representing Dept. of Animal Health
- Kirk Thompson, representing KBI
- Pat George, representing Dept. of Commerce
- Cities, Vacant

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman

- Meeting was called to order by the chairman at 1003.
- Welcome to Crisis City / introduction of new staff was done by Dennis Colsden, NC Regional Coordinator for KDEM & Manager of Crisis City.
- Terry Maple introduced new Fire Marshal, Doug Jorgensen.
- Roll Call was called by Tina Fike at 1006.
- Chair adv Commission that Melissa Dinsmore has resigned from her position on the Commission, so will be looking to replace the position and as Vice-Chair.
- Chair reminded Commission regarding the traffic / speed limit on road outside facility.

Consent Agenda Review:

Chairman

- Motion to approve Consent Agenda and minutes from last meeting was made and seconded; motion passed.

Presentations

EMAP Discussion

Jackie Miller

- EMAP: Emergency Management Accreditation Program;
- Organization is non-profit;
- Have established standards through process with peers & EM programs throughout the U.S. for other EM programs to adopt & comply with;
- Is voluntary and is for all types of emergency management programs - state, local, universities, etc;
- 18 states accredited;
- KDEM / TAG is lead agency but encompasses all agencies that are part of the emergency management program;
- CEPR is part of program due to one of the standards required to meet states that an Advisory Committee is needed;
- Benefits include:
 - Providing benchmarks for program management, strategic planning, and operations;
 - Focuses on comprehensive emergency management;
 - Allows program to be compared to a nationally recognized standard;
 - Allows for demonstration of accountability through an annual review process;
 - Demonstrates effective use & accountability of resources;
 - Recognizes program quality & effort;

- EMAP Resources:
 - www.emaponline.org
- KDEM has completed self-assessment; gathering documents & and completing requirements;
- KS onsite assessment: December 10-14, 2012;
- Once KDEM is accredited, there is a review done every three years as a new standard is added at that time.

KS Emergency Management Program Strategic Plan Discussion

Angee Morgan

- For EMAP, need an inclusive Emergency Management Program Strategic Plan;
- Looked at HLS State Strategy Plan along with The Adjutant General Dept. Strategic Plan
- Adopted some of the goals from the HLS plan, identified objectives & goals / milestones;
- To get new Emergency Management Strategic Plan promulgated, need stakeholder input, and have scheduled meeting on October 23, 2012;
- Will develop last draft of strategic plan for ESF partners to look over & adopt;
- Once adopted, will have Governor promulgate;
- Will be reviewed annually & update as needed;

KDEM Plans Update:

- **Hazard Mitigation**

Jake Gray

- Last meeting held August 15, 2012; was 1st meeting held that updated state mitigation plan;
- Since the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, when states & locals were required to have mitigation plans, allows state to get categories C - G, and also allows state to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds;
- Since 2000, Act has brought in \$1.3 billion to the state of Kansas;
 - For categories A & B (plan is not required for), State of Kansas has received \$110 million;
 - For categories C - G, have received approximately \$1 billion;
 - Hazard Mitigation grant funds have totaled \$150 million; \$100 million in last 7 years;
- Next meeting is Nov. 15th, will start 1st half of risk assessment;
- Have had lot of changes within mitigation due to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reform ;
- 3 flood programs within Hazard Mitigation & renaming it Flood Mitigation Systems - no guidance or policies from FEMA as of yet;
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program funding has dropped from approximately \$150 million to nothing for 2012.

- Open disasters / projects:
 - DR-4010:
 - Approved project for Bishop Seabury Academy safe room for 250 students / staff;
 - City of Formoso warning siren;
 - Pratt Community College Mass Notification System;
 - City of Reading safe room in new community building;
 - USD349 Stafford safe room for 280 students / staff;
 - DR-4035:
 - Dodge City Community College safe room;
 - DR-4063:
 - New disaster – just started letter of intent process;
 - Approximately \$770,000 in funding based on preliminary management grant funding amounts;
- Have 103 counties with multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans approved;
- Working a regional mitigation plan concept;
- Hazard Mitigation Team was given award for Hazard Mitigation Team of the Year – presented award to Angee Morgan & KDEM;
- **CEOP / KRP / Hazard Mitigation / THIRA / COOP**
 - Brandt Haehn**
 - COOP:
 - Completed initial implementation of the statewide COOP plan in July 2009;
 - Next steps for management & implementation is to create the statewide Mission Essential Function list;
 - List will link what has been created at the state agency level to a broader scope;
 - Statewide training opportunities are ongoing;
 - Have annual COOP 101, along with Multi-Year Training & Exercise Planning trainings in May;
 - Have annual targeted COOP trainings in June;
 - Have annual exercise and a tabletop exercise in August;
 - Have an annual overall After Action Review and give recommendations to CEPR in January;
 - 2012 Accomplishments:
 - Increased people / agencies reached with trainings
 - Creation of Training & Exercise Team
 - Concept:

- Will use current employees to build exercises instead of hiring contractors;
 - Can teach others how to build exercises;
- 2014 Kansas Response Plan (KRP):
 - Will be updated every three years;
 - Key Dates for Revision:
 - January 15, 2013: Basic plan finalized, begin ESF Planning Team meetings;
 - July 1, 2013: ESF annexes in draft form and open for comment;
 - September 1, 2013: Draft 2014 KRP open for comment;
 - January 7, 2014: Promulgated by the Governor;
 - Key Parts of KRP:
 - Basic Plan, 15 ESFs, Debris Management Appendix, Mass Casualty Appendix, Mass Fatality Appendix, Biological Incident Annex, State COG Plan, Nuclear / Radiological Incident Annex, Food and Agriculture Incident Annex, State Logistics Support Annex (currently being worked on), Pet Sheltering Support Annex, Kansas Statue Support Annex, Recovery Support Annex (tentative);
 - Targeted style:
 - More formal style so is easier to read;
 - Legal Support Annex:
 - Had intern work very hard to get annex completed;
 - Organized statutes by Emergency Support Function (ESF) so can make a “pocket book” for statutes;
 - Standardize ESF format;
 - Linking EMAP standards;
 - Increase planning team members;
 - Identify existing MOUs / MOAs & clean up any that may be expired or agency has changed names;
 - Specific targeted improvement by ESF;
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan:
 - Key Dates:
 - December 2012: Draft Risk Assessment completed;
 - July 2013: Draft plan to be submitted to KDEM;
 - November 2013: Approval from FEMA Region VII
 - Targeted Improvements:
 - Consequence Analysis: Key impacts on areas by hazard in the event of an emergency;

- Foundation for **Regional Mitigation Plans: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment** will be broken down by **HLS Region**;
- **Refreshing Hazard Ranking / Assessment: Updating key measures** with current data and re-calculating risk;
- **Increase Planning Partners**;
- **THIRA:**
 - Is required for **2013 HLS Grant funds**;
 - Goal is to identify capability targets for the **State Preparedness Report (SPR)** based on threat / risk assessment;
 - Process is to identify desired outcome, identify impacts and identify the capability target;
- **County Emergency Operations Plans:**
 - Showed map of state with counties that have approved plans;
 - **Key Improvements for 2012:**
 - **Release of 2012 KS Planning Standards & delivery of planning workshops** - created to increase the plans functionality at the local level;
 - **Release of Super System:**
 - Is a planning system to be able to link different plans & allows users to input information in;
 - **Planning Risks:**
 - Continued difficulty of part-time EMs to find time to create good plans;
 - **2012 KS Planning Standards seek to improve CEOPS** ;
 - **Migration to Super System**;
- **County Mitigation Plan Status:**
 - Showed statewide map of **County Mitigation Pan expiration dates**;
 - State paid \$4 million (used **Hazard mitigation Grant Program** dollars along with a 25% match from the State) for counties to get plans this far, but funding has gone away;
 - **Want to create Regional Mitigation plans**;
 - Will be less expensive;
 - Decreases staff time needed to review plans;
 - Limits amount of work needed from County EMs (especially will help part-timers);
 - **Regional Mitigation Plans Work Plan:**
 - Identify participating counties;
 - Secure & train contractor support;

- Complete risk assessment of state mitigation plan;
 - Construct regional planning template;
 - Extract pertinent data from existing plans;
 - Complete regional specific risk assessments;
 - Construct plans;
- Wanted feedback from committee on how the reports should be briefed: whether one person briefs all of them or each person briefs their report.
- **Emergency Alert System (EAS) Committee Update** **Jonathan York**
 - Members are comprised of those key stakeholders who access & disseminate emergency alert messages - television & radio broadcasters, KBI, and Emergency Management;
 - Chair is Roy Baum, Vice-Chair is Kent Cornish;
 - In 2007, KCC & FCC began initiative to modernize the EAS;
 - NWS came out with NOAA All-Hazard weather radios that can also disseminate non-weather related emergency messages, and cell phone industry launched commercial message alert system via tests;
 - Over last 1.5 years, FEMA & FCC have pushed to simpler for state & local jurisdictions to access the EAS & develop a web-based platform - Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS);
 - Q: is website accessible to special needs populations?
 - A: Site is accessible to state & local jurisdictions only, not to public;
 - In January 2012, FEMA released the IPAWS Open Application Process for local jurisdictions to sign up to access platform, but state plan didn't acknowledge any local activations;
 - Developed local planning template for counties to utilize if wish to access the IPAWS platform to disseminate EAS messages;
 - Platform is put in place to protect integrity of system across the state, & to enable locals to be able to access the EAS;
 - In past 6 months, FEMA & FCC have done conference call webinars with states to advise them as to what the process is for rolling out the common alerting protocol standards for broadcasters;
 - Broadcasters were to meet standards by June 30, 2012;
 - States are working to continue to update their plans;
 - KS is approximately 95% done with updating state plan;
 - Will meet next quarter to get plan finalized & promulgated;
 - Working with ESi (contractor through FEMA for WebEOC) to develop an IPAWS CAP messaging interface within WebEOC - that is what the state would use to disseminate EAS messages;

- Giving overview presentation of EAS / IPAWS at 2012 KEMA Conference;
- Q: Would tribes be able to access system?
 - A: They would have to go through the county they were in;

KDHE Plans Update:

- **Biological Incident Annex (BIA):** **Mike McNulty**
 - KDHE was asked by CDC to develop disease specific response plans:
 - Smallpox
 - Bioterrorism (Anthrax)
 - Pandemic Influenza
 - Much of content of plans were duplicated throughout;
 - FEMA & CDC recognized plans were improved using capabilities-based, all hazards planning;
 - Changed disease response plans to biological plans, and capabilities that crossed diseases could be addressed once (i.e. Isolation & Quarantine);
 - Disease specific details could be added in as short sections;
 - Biological Incident Annex gives the basics for what KDHE would do for any disease emergency;
 - Outlines response roles and responsibilities associated with a disease outbreak;
 - Outlines interactions with other agencies;
 - Pandemic All-hazards Preparedness Act talks about all phases of pandemic;
 - Used lessons learned from H1N1 to make Pandemic Influenza plan more scalable depending on the nature of the disease;
 - Incorporating new Health and Medical Preparedness Capabilities & Domains - there are 15 public health & 8 health care;
 - Difference between Emergency Support Function 8 & the Biological Incident Annex:
 - Largest difference is that under ESF 8, KDHE is support - something else has happened & health concerns are secondary to it; under BIA, the emergency is biological in nature;
 - In 2012, will update the KS Pandemic Influenza Plan;
 - Working on updating the Kansas SNS Plan;
 - BIA will be updated in 2013 KRP;
 - Information from Johnson County Health & Environment:
 - Have created an online screening tool for mass dispensing & vaccination;
 - Individuals identify what they are allergic to, etc, and then print information the form needed to bring to a dispensing location & all paperwork is done;
 - Data is not saved online; once form is printed & window is closed, information is deleted;

- Tool was created in Kansas; several other states are using this tool & has made its way to the White House;
- Contact Liz Ticer from JOCO Heath & Environment for further information;

KDA Plans Update

- **Food & Agriculture Incident Annex**

Sandy Johnson

- Started project in January of 2011;
 - Applied for FEMA Technical Assistance in October 2010 - FEMA hired sub-contractors to help with writing annex;
- Began contractor meetings in April 2011, with stakeholder meetings beginning in May 2011, & concluding in August 2011;
- Final draft plan was completed in April 2012;
- Had 3 existing plans:
 - Food Emergency Response Plan, Plant Emergency Plan, Foreign Animal Disease Plan;
- Combined all 3 to create Food & Agriculture Incident Annex;
 - 1st chapter describes roles & responsibilities;
- Most food / ag incidents do not result in state or local EOC activations;
- Receive no FEMA funding;
- Very little to no local authority / expertise;
- Very little to no loss of human life, but major concern is economic impacts;
- Next Steps:
 - Currently developing Standard Operating Guides for:
 - Notification
 - Crisis Communications
 - Movement Control
 - Cleaning & Disinfection
 - Quarantine Management
 - Scheduling quarterly webinars for stakeholders;
 - Department of Animal Health Strategic Planning for Animal Disease Emergencies;
 - Hosting a complex functional exercise on October 9 & 10, 2013;

Drought Update

Margaret Fast

- Water Office has 4 statutory duties:
 - To collect & compile data related to the water resources of the state -climate, stream flow, water quality information, etc.;
 - Use info within the Kansas Water Plan;

- Developing conservation guidelines for the development of municipal, industrial, and irrigation conservation plans;
- To monitor and establish guidelines for when conditions of drought exist in the state & notify Governor when conditions do exist, who then calls together the Governor's Drought Response Team;
- Have approx 20 people within agency;
 - KS Water Authority has 23 members;
- 3 Stages of Drought Declarations:
 - Drought Watch: Moderate drought;
 - Drought Warning: Severe drought;
 - Drought Emergency: Extreme or exceptional drought;
- Entire state is currently in a Drought Emergency - 1st time in 28 years;
- Have program called Water Assurance Districts:
 - KS River Basin
 - Neosho / Cottonwood
 - Marais Des Cygnes
- The water right holders (cities & industries) join together in each area to form a Water Assurance District;
 - Collectively purchase ownership interest in the reservoirs just within that area's basin;
 - KS Water Office operates those reservoirs on holders' behalf;
- 2/3 of state's population relies either directly or indirectly on reservoirs for water supply;
- If conditions continue as they are now through November 1st, and have no inflow, how long will reservoirs' conservation pool storage last:
 - Verdigris: will be at approx. 60%; is down approx. 4 feet;
 - Kansas River Basin:
 - Clinton Lake: approx 80%;down approx. 4 feet;
 - Perry Lake: approx. 80%; down approx. 4 feet;
 - Milford Lake: approx. 70%; down approx. 9 feet;
 - Tuttle Creek: below 50%, although since projection was done in August, there has been a slight recovery; down approx. 15 feet;
 - Marais des Cygnes:
 - Melvern Lake: approx 80%; down approx. 4 feet;
 - Pomona Lake: approx 70%; down approx. 4 feet;
 - Hillsdale: approx. 80%; down approx. 4 feet;
 - Kanopolis: approx. 60%; down approx. 7.5 feet;
 - El Dorado: approx. 80%; down approx. 4 feet;
 - Cheney: approx. 60%; down approx. 8 feet;

- Neosho River Basin:
 - Marion: approx. 70%; down approx. 4.75 feet;
 - Council Grove: approx. 60%; down approx. 7 feet;
 - John Redmond: approx 5%; down approx. 8 feet;
- John Redmond reservoir is used as a cooling lake at Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Center (WCNOC); they are now reducing the withdraws from the reservoir;
- Made modifications to withdraw schedule & have scheduled meeting with WCNOC to keep levels in lake & still be able to operate;
- Q: Is an issue with John Redmond due to sediment?
 - A: Yes, and also due to lack of moisture; more sediment settled in water supply portion than in the flood control portion;
- Drought Response:
 - Issue temporary appropriation permits for emergency use;
 - Have 2 different MOUs with Corps Office (Tulsa & KC districts) to provide water for hauling to livestock & domestic purposes; been in place since 1986 & this is the first time MOUs have been implemented;
 - Have 10 livestock permits between the state fishing lakes & the Corps;
- Have surplus contracts: can enter into short-term contracts for irrigation & industrial purposes;
- Office has triggered 104 of customers' & water rights owners in districts to implement the drought response part of their water conservation plans at either the watch or warning level;
- Drought links:
 - governor.ks.gov/kansas-drought-resources
 - www.kwo.org/reports_publications/Drought.htm
- Office does weekly drought report that is linked to governor's website;
- Q: Had tour of Topeka water facility & they mentioned they purchase water from a reservoir, is he talking about the water assurance district?
 - A: Yes
- Q: What are the farmers out in the western part of the state doing for water since those reservoirs are at lower levels that the eastern part?
 - A: Office has not heard anything being affected;
- Q: What about dredging lakes, like John Redmond, do you get bids & have to go through the environmental & historical information?
 - A: Yes; it is very expensive & there are lots of laws & restrictions involved;
- Today office is having a tabletop exercise with Corps of Engineers to see what it would take to dredge John Redmond reservoir;

- The Chemical Risk Information Branch is a team of state coordinators, inspectors, compliance assistants, technical experts, case review officers, and administrative support;
- Has partners with locals, states, tribal and federal governments, interest groups, public, and industries;
- Is responsible for implementing the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA), and Clean Air Act (CAA) programs;
- Primary goal is to prevent chemical accidents;
- ChemCentral accident in Kansas City, MO on February 7, 2007:
 - Plant is located approximately 2 blocks from downtown KCMO;
 - Evacuated approximately 5 blocks surrounding plant;
 - Department of Justice filed a civil complaint against company & required company to submit Tier II reports;
 - Company was fined \$225,000 & were required to repay \$150,713 of EPA's emergency response costs;
 - Entire incident took approximately 13 months to complete;
- Industries that violate regulations can be fined up to \$37,500 per day of violation;
- EPCRA:
 - Enacted in 1986;
 - Has 4 major provisions:
 - Emergency Planning (Sections 301-303);
 - If facility has hazardous chemicals onsite, they are required to supply their facility emergency plan to:
 - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC);
 - State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
 - Tribe Emergency Response Commission (TERC)
 - Also required to coordinate emergency response planning with the community;
 - Also required to designate a facility emergency coordinator;
 - Facilities are required to notify LEPC, TERC, and SERC within 60 days of receiving or producing a regulated chemical;
 - Emergency Release Notification (Section 304):
 - Facility is to provide immediate notification to:
 - The affected LEPC, TERC, and SERC,
 - The Nation Response Center (NRC) (if required under CERCLA Section 103);

- Facility is to provide written follow-up as soon as practicable to the affected LEPC, TERC, and SERC;
- Exemptions are:
 - Federally permitted releases,
 - Continuous releases (as defined under 40 CFR 302.8(b) if appropriate continuous release notifications have been made & all conditions are met),
 - A continuous release is defined as anticipated, routine (not accidental or a malfunction), and stable in quantity & rate);
 - Pesticide or fertilizer applications (as instructed by package label only),
 - Motor vehicle emissions;
- Hazardous Chemical Storage Reporting (Sections 311-312):
 - Information is available to the general public upon written request and is provided through the LEPC, TERC, or SERC;
 - Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS):
 - Is a chemical list that lists the hazards, properties, the types of protective equipments, regulatory requirements, etc. of each chemical;
 - Tier II forms:
 - Lists chemical amounts & locations at regulated facilities;
 - Are due annually by March 1;
 - Both forms are to be sent to LEPC, TERC, SERC, & local fire departments;
 - If there are revisions to either form, they are to be sent in within 90 days of the revision;
- Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (Section 313);
- CAA:
 - Have moved from command & control programs to performance based programs:
 - Risk Management Program,
 - Chemical Accident Prevention Program;
 - General Duty Clause;
 - Risk Management Programs & Plans;
- Have approximately 15,712 Tier II facilities, 668 TRI facilities, and 673 RMP facilities;
- Regulatory Updates:
 - EPA is reinvesting in Tier II regulations and enforcement;
 - Changes made to Tier II forms;

- July 13, 2012 – EPA published a final rule to revise Tier I & Tier II forms
 - Added new data elements,
 - Revised existing data elements;
- Rule becomes effective January 1, 2014,
 - Facilities must comply with new requirements on the Tier II forms starting in the reporting year 2013; forms are due by March 2014.
- Roles for CEPR:
 - Appointed by the Governor of each state;
 - Commission appoints, supervises, and coordinates the activities of LEPCs;
 - Was originally the SERC, but name was changed to Commission on Emergency Planning & Response (CEPR);
- LEPC Roles:
 - Develop & maintain an all-hazards, local, comprehensive and updated community plan;
 - Participate in public meetings & emergency drills;
 - Request information regarding chemicals in their area;
 - Evaluate risks posed by those chemicals;
 - Take steps to reduce the risk of release;
 - Identify who will be in charge if a release occurs & who will respond;
 - Communicate with the facilities;
 - Communicate with the public, state, tribes, & EPA;
- Upcoming EPA Events:
 - LEPC / TERC Conference
 - July 25 – 27, 2013, Marriott Hotel, Overland Park, KS
 - Register at www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/ or contact Steve Wurtz, (913) 551-7315;
 - CAMEO Updates
 - CAMEO – Computer – Aided Management of Emergency Operations
 - Includes new version of MARPLOT & ALOHA
 - EPCRA On-Line Training
 - Used for EPCRA inspectors to obtain their credentials;
 - Tentative release date is early 2013;
- Resources:
 - Outreach assistance for facilities is available;
 - ECHO database (Enforcement & Compliance History Online)
 - www.epa.gov/emergencies
 - Has LEPC information & regulatory updates
 - Title III List of List of chemicals

- Videos, training materials, & EPCRA factsheets;

TERT Charter

Scott Ekberg

- TERT: Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team;
- Was discussed in earlier meeting but was sent back due to needing to include revision on how TERT would report back to CEPR;
- TERT was a request from National APCO to the Kansas chapter & also from national chapter of NEMA to the Kansas chapter;
- TERT is:
 - Mutual aid assistance for communication centers within a disaster area;
- Motion to accept charter made & seconded; motion passed.

Remarks from Committee Members:

- Martha Gabehart:
 - Met with Gay Jones, Regional Disability Integration Specialist to talk about what needs to happen during a disaster or emergency from an emergency manager standpoint regarding people with disabilities;
 - Gave handout to commission from Chris Howell (Tribes representative);
- Angee Morgan:
 - Invited commission to KS State Fair on preparedness day,
 - KDEM is continuing Zombie Preparedness Month in October;
- Sandy Johnson:
 - Handed out quarterly report;
 - Also invited commission to State Fair;
 - Working on SOPs for accidents involving food;
 - Livestock accidents have not been part of Dept. of Ag or Animal Health - a veterinarian was sent to location of accident as a courtesy since a phone number was listed on KDHE's spill report form; it has since been taken off form & will be redistributed;
- Jack Taylor:
 - September is Campus Fire Safety Month;
 - Fire Prevention Week is in October;
 - Annual State Fire Chiefs Conference is October 25 - 28, 2012 in Hutchinson;
- Doug Jorgensen:
 - Encourage everyone to keep burn bans in place;
 - Controlled burns are discourages as well;
 - What is burned may not come back,
 - Erosion problems could occur;

- Q: What has advice been to the Governor as far as instituting a statewide burn ban?
 - A: Angee: We have advised the Governor to let that be a local issue due to no way for the state to enforce it;

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

- Margaret Fast:
1st Annual Governor's Conference on Water is October 30-31st in Wichita
- Next Meeting: December 6, 2012, Eisenhower Center, Nickell Armory, Topeka, KS