

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council  
March 7, 2012

The SWKREPC met in Garden City on March 7, 2012. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Ken Seirer, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Rodney Kelling, Linda Smith Cathy Hernandez, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, Traci Rankin, Tony Hoyt, Mike Wilson, Bill Taldo, John Cyr, and Ed Elam. Guests present were: Vivian Button, Gilbert Valerio, Rex Beemer, Diane Wilson, Bob Maier and David Redger.

Vaughn L. made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2012 meeting. Rayna M. seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Old Business**

Chairperson Don B. gave an update on the radio questionnaire that was sent out. He stated that from the questionnaires returned, 70 mobile radios were needed and 85 portable radios were requested.

**New Business**

It was reported that Bill T., Don B. and Cathy H. attended the regional council summit meeting. During the course of that meeting, there was a request from a homeland security region in Kansas to ‘take a look at how the funding is currently being allocated to the regions.’ Also as a result of that meeting, two new working groups were formed. After some discussion, Bill T. stated that he would be the SWKREPC representative on the newly formed Strategic Plan Working Group. Greg S. stated that he would try to attend the meetings of the newly formed Homeland Security Grant Formula Working Group. Chairperson Don B. will try to attend if Greg S. cannot.

John Cyr then gave his fiscal agent report. John reminded council members that April 30, 2012 is the FY09 grant ending date—so FY09 projects need to be wrapped up now! Chairperson Don B. told FY09 project chairpersons that if they know they will be unable to spend all their FY09 project dollars before the deadline they need to tell him immediately. This will enable him to redo the paperwork and move the dollars to other projects so it can be spent by the deadline. John C. also stated that the FY12 grant is only for two years, so it will end the same year as FY11.

Due to the LEPC conference in Salina in April, the regular meeting for the SWKREPC will be April 11, 2012. This meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. in Garden City. Representatives from KHP will be here to help the group develop FY12 projects.

Chairperson Don B. reminded council members that the WebEOC training slated for this morning would begin as soon as the regular meeting was adjourned.

Cathy H. reported that the GIS planning meeting that was held in Garden City on March 6, 2012 had good attendance from the GIS folks—but that attendance by emergency managers was somewhat light.

There being no more business, Bill T. made a motion to adjourn. Ken S. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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SWKREPC Secretary