

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council

The SWREPC met on November 15, 2011 in Garden City. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Jason Taylor, Ken Seirer, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorenson, Linda Smith, Cathy Hernandez, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, Mike Burke, Traci Rankin, Steve Phillips, Mike Wilson, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo and Ralph Rojas. Guests present were: Gilbert Valerio, Matt Mercer, Millie Fudge, Diane Wilson and Alex Gentry.

Greg S. made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2011 meeting; Vaughn L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Matt Mercer with Four Phases gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the SWKREPC Foreign Animal Disease Project. There will be three exercises in the SW Region. The first exercise will be in Hamilton County on December 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Mountain time; the second will be in Stevens County on December 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Standard time; and the third exercise will be in Lane County in January, 2012, with the date and time to be determined in the next couple of weeks. Matt M. also answered questions from Council members.

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairperson Don B. told the group that he had received ten letters back from various disciplines regarding appointments/reappointments to the council for the coming term. Don B. also reminded Council members that elections for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary for the Council will be done at the December, 2011 meeting.

Chairperson Don B. stated that he had just received the fiscal update from John Cyr and did not have time to send them out before he left for the meeting. Don B. will email the updates out this afternoon after he gets back to his office.

Chairperson Don B. informed Council members that a core competencies assessment will be done at the December, 2011 meeting. The core competencies assessment will be done instead of the target capabilities assessment that we have done in the past. The December meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. in order for the group to have more time to work on the assessment. Don B. also told the group that Brenden Ourth would like to distribute six printers at the December meeting. The printers are part of the Accountability project. The following counties need to bring a laptop, if possible, for downloads: Scott; Hodgeman; Kearny; Ford; Meade and Hamilton.

It was brought up that on December 8, 2011, Brenden Ourth will be conducting Critical Resource Management Credentialing Systems training in Finney County.

Our next meeting will be in Garden City on December 7, 2011 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There being no more business, Vaughn L. made a motion to adjourn; Traci R. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard
SWKREPC Secretary