

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
March 6, 2013

The SWKREPC met in Garden City on March 6, 2013. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Luther Keith, Don Robertson, Ken Seirer, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Rodney Kelling, Cathy Hernandez, Darcy Gollither, John Ralston, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, Joe Hopkins, Mike Burke, Steve Phillips, Gilbert Valerio and Ed Elam. Guests present were: Steve Wilterding, Rex Beemer and Randy Blehm.

Gilber V. made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2013 meeting. Mike B. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Two representatives from the Kansas Civil Air Patrol gave a Power Point Presentation on the capabilities of the Patrol. They informed Council members that they are available to assist with things such as search and rescue of lost persons, wildfire movement, etc. They also answered questions from the group.

New Business

Chairperson Don B. gave a report on the RCCC meeting that he attended recently. Some of the items discussed at the meeting were: the portable siren that our Region has purchased, the draft for the Regional Councils' strategic plan, and goals and objectives for the Regional Councils. Don B. informed Council members that we would most likely be doing a capabilities assessment next year. He also stated that the plans for the meeting with Senator Pat Roberts and other legislators in Salina may change. At this time it is scheduled for May 27-20, 2013 in Salina.

Don B. also stated that the Fusion Center and the Kansas Department of Ag may be asking the Homeland Security Regions for some funds.

Chairperson Don B. reminded Council members that our April 2013 meeting would be devoted to developing the FY13 projects. We should see a minimum of a 5% decrease in grant dollars for FY13. Council members need to bring their project ideas for FY13 to the April meeting.

Chairperson Don B. had sent out an email regarding upgrades to the accountabilities equipment. The upgrade sessions are scheduled for March 20th in Dodge City from 9am to 11am; and then from 1pm to 5 pm in Ulysses; and also March 21st. from 9am to 5 pm in Garden City.

Our fiscal agent John Cyr was unable to attend this meeting due to vehicle issues. Chairperson Don B. will email John's report to all Council members later this afternoon. For FY10 there is \$368 remaining; for FY11 there is a little over \$100,000 left; and for FY12 there is approximately \$246,000 left to be spent on our projects.

Other Business

Steve P. informed Council members that he is ready and available to provide aerial assistance for any number of reasons—all you have to do is call him.

Don R. asked which counties in our region are using some type of notification system to inform people of things such as weather events, etc. He would appreciate a phone call from those counties so he can get details of what systems are being used; their pros and cons, etc.

Gilbert V. asked about combining the SW Regional HS meeting with the regular KEMA meeting since most are currently attending both meetings. A discussion followed with no action taken.

The next SWKREPC meeting will be in Ulysses on April 3, 2013. This meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

There being no more business, Don R. made a motion to adjourn. John R. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard
SWKREPC Secretary