LEPC Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026

Members Present: Lyle Grandy (EM), Sara Goff (911 Mapping), Josh Reed (Galena City Superintendent), Richard Matteson (Jayhawk Plant), Peyton Kessler (Health Department Administrator), Myra Frazier (County Commissioner) Loren Harding (Galena City Council), Misty Peterson (Mercy), Jake Letner (Columbus City Manager), Grant Spieth (Columbus City Mayor), Todd Campbell (EPA Region 7) Toni Spieth (City of Columbus, Summer Lunch Program), Brian Henderson (Sheriff), Terry Clugston (Cherokee County EMS)

Minutes: approved, no changes. Misty approved.
Chemical related incidents: none reported.

Old Business: Documentation for the EF's. Lyle has invited several businesses and individuals to the LEPC meetings, Columbus Fire is the official staging area for the county. EFS have been updated and sent to the state. No TIER II reports found that needed to be reviewed, might send out a letter to notify them they are a TIER II facility. Richard will work with the state to get a login for both him and Lyle for the TIER II reports.

New Business:
Complaint from a resident regarding testing of sirens from Jayhawk facility, Lyle will make changes, some will be through NIXLE for direct messages when testing will be doing testing.

Loren Harding suggested that there will be a conference with the city council to devise and develop an emergency response plan with the Galena Landfill. Encourage individuals in Galena to sign up for NIXLE for warnings for the Galena Landfill. Lyle will be performing a walk around at Jordan Disposal today, will discuss an emergency plan.

Agency Reports:
Sheriff-Mobile Incident Command Bus will be stationed in Columbus, will have two generators, one in the south end of the county and one at Weir.
EMS-2nd EMT class started last month, not as many students but still have enough to hold it. Submitting paperwork to state for advanced EMT classes and hope to have scheduled after the first of the year, new station is progressing along as planned. Tornado safe area for the staff planned within the new EMS station.
Health Department-still
Emergency Management-working with Red Cross for volunteer work, difficult pulling individiuals in for additional volunteer work for disasters. Met with FEMA and State on May 29th, $200,000 est damage from April 26th storm. 734 county patrons without power on May 30th due to storm.
Other-No other reports.

Public Forum-Columbus hospital has expressed an interest in a training of a chemical spill drill. Liberty is performing a drill on Thursday at 9:00 AM, FRP drill. Richard notes we will need to put together a drill plan soon with the state. Josh from the State will be here on Friday to discuss Drills. Might need to check on Bagcraft on emergency plan and update them, along with other plants.

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