



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

July 16, 2025

Custer County LEPC met at the Custer County EOC, 1605 N Airport Rd., Weatherford, OK. The meeting was called to order by Michael Galloway, LEPC Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were placed at the entrance to the meeting for all to sign. Fifteen individuals were present.

Mr. Galloway introduced the group and reminded everyone of the reasons for having a Local Emergency Planning Committee. It is the Community Right to Know. Hazard Materials and locations are listed with the EPA which works through the Oklahoma DEQ. This is for public safety. In case of Haz/Mat situation where the owner/operator is unknown, call DEQ for the process of cleanup. Fire fighters are only responsible for containment, not for cleanup. Mr. Galloway stated that he has been in Community Right to Know since 1985/1986 – he did the Tier II forms for Western and BJ Services. These forms are turned in to DEQ and are now available to responders on iPad apps. This shows site availability and the chemicals on site.

Mr. Galloway called for motions for the Election of Chairman of the LEPC for the next year. After discussion, Mr. Galloway indicated that he would be willing to assume the role in order to keep the process going for LEPC. Motion was made by Mike Karlin and seconded by Scott Moore to appoint Michael Galloway as Chairman of the LEPC for the next year. Approved by all.

Scott Moore stated that since Mr. Galloway would remain as Chairman, he would accept the position of Vice-Chairman for the next year which was seconded by Mike Karlin. Approved by all.

Kory Selman made the motion and Mike Karlin seconded to appoint Debbie Bright as Secretary / Treasurer for the next year. Approved by all.

No action was taken on election of Reporter which is done by the Secretary / Treasurer.

Discussion was held regarding the Local Emergency Planning Committee By-Laws which were formed and signed in September, 2003. These By-Laws are still in compliance and should need no updates.

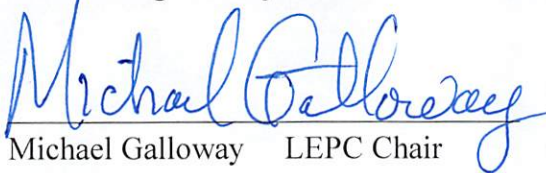
Mr. Galloway asked for any training upcoming. Per email received – Tribal Training Week during the week of Sept 20-27, 2025 on the CDP campus in Anniston, AL; Leadership Conference at the WTC Weatherford Campus, Sept 27-28, 2025: Hazardous Materials

Awareness for WMD-HazMat Emergencies Train the Trainer, Leadership for Small Departments – Recruitment and Retention; New Chief Training 2023; NFA Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations; Turnout Tuneup – Clean Gear for Firefighters; Leadership for Small Departments – Training; Grant Writing 100. July 22-23, 2025 New Emergency Manager Orientation, Tahlequah; July 23, Conflict Prevention Strategies to Deter Target Violence (Webinar); August 6, Active Shooter Preparedness (Webinar); Sept 22-26, Center for Domestic Preparedness Tribal Training Week; Dec. 8-10, Four Corners Emergency Management Conference, Branson, MO; Weatherford Fire will host Haz-Mat Training Aug 2. Mr. Galloway shared that the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is opened up – very good training opportunities on campus – after registering, flight, hotel and meals are free.

Mr. Galloway stated the Custer County Hazard Mitigation Plan is completed. All county entities have approved the Plan. The Plan is effective for five years. Hazard Mitigation grant programs are opening. Mr. Galloway is open to suggestions for more new projects for Hazard Mitigation Grants.

Kieulia Blackmon with Red Cross came to introduce herself to the LEPC group. She will be the contact for this area. Red Cross will be working with fire departments to promote the smoke alarm program and looking for additional volunteers for the Red Cross program. Red Cross can be of assistance to Single and Multi-Family fires as well as being of assistance in different types of disasters. Assistance may be asked for by Emergency Managers and fire and police departments when calling the national Red Cross number. Regional Coordinators can provide their personal numbers also.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.


Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2025 are as follows: January 15th, April 16th, July 16th, and October 15th. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.