



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

July 15, 2026

Custer County LEPC met in regular session at the Custer County EOC, 1605 N Airport Rd., Weatherford, OK. The meeting was called to order by Hardy Sperle, LEPC Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were placed at the entrance to the meeting for all to sign. The meeting was started with introduction of all attending.

Mr. Sperle stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed and approved. There are very few changes, but if your department has any updates, please contact Hardy with those updates. Hardy has been receiving a lot of training and updates to his certification.

Madolyn Phillips, ODSH gave updates for the Health Department. The Push Partner Program is available for facilities. Those signing up would be eligible for first access to immunizations, vaccines and medications for themselves and their families as well as their clients/patients. This helps relieve the pressure for health facilities for emergency situations. A Memorandum of Understanding would have to be signed. Ms. Phillips informed those attending of a grant available to local emergency personnel for purchase of vehicles for Rural Health Transportation. The deadline for the grant is July 20, 2026.

Mr. Sperle asked for any Partner updates: Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal Emergency Management will be hosting a CERT training class at the ERC in Geary August 6 thru September 10 from 9 to 3; Western Technology Center is presenting an EMT class at the Elk City campus from August 8 thru December 14, sign up is available on the WTC website.

Mike Karlin, Weatherford Whole Community Planning, stated that their EOP is current and will be doing new updates in 2027. Mr. Karlin shared that the construction in the EOC building will be hopefully completed by September 26, 2026.

Mr. Sperle asked for any training upcoming and asked that any future training could be emailed to him. Training that he is aware of: Farmrail will be hosting Haz-Mat training at the ODOT Training Center, Oklahoma City on August 11, 12, 13 from 9 to 1; the Oklahoma Homeland Security Conference is October 27-29 at the Metro Tech Springlake campus, registration is free; Mr. Sperle is working on hosting a G-191 class and will provide date and time when set.

Aaron Russell, External Affairs for AEP/PSO introduced Brady Nichols, Safety & Health for AEP/PSO as a guest speaker. Mr. Nichols presented a slide show and spoke about the Traverse Wind Farms which is a wide area range of wind farms. The Traverse Wind Farms is located in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. AEP/PSO personnel employed to work on the Traverse facilities are highly trained in many aspects of the wind towers. Items for training are heights, safety tie offs, how to address up tower injuries which are very rare and fire emergencies. The need to

locate exact entrances to wind towers for emergency response was addressed. AEP/PSO coordinates with its EM partners. AEP/PSO safety personnel will meet responders at the entrances and get them to the site. AEP/PSO personnel will perform extraction/lower injured to the responder on the ground. On occasion, there are lightning strikes which affect the wind towers. If the public witnesses an issue, please call 911. AEP/PSO will be contacted. They will perform the steps to shut down power to and from the site. They will coordinate with EM responders for safety response.

There was no unforeseen business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.



Hardy Sperle LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2026 are as follows: January 14th(special), April 15th, July 15th, and October 21st. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.