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Team: Faulkner County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 1205-1315

Location: Conway Corp Customer Care Center

Members and visitors present: Brent Fason, Carol Walton, John Knotts, Keith Hillman, Michael Wickherst, Tameka Webb, Randel Green, Steve Whisnant, Susan Molsbee, Tabith Clarke, Tiaona Winot, Tyra Phillips, Joe Goudswand, and Doug Vanaman

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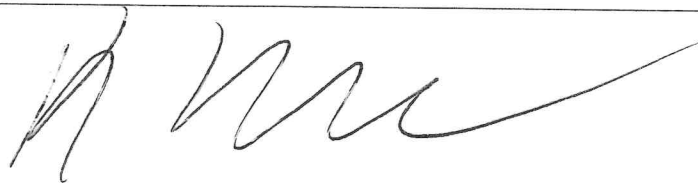
Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Follow Up Required
I Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1205 and a quorum declared. Keith thanked everyone for attending and thanked Conway Corp for hosting us with the facility, food, and drinks.	Keith Hillman	
II Approval of Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes as written. Minutes were approved. None opposed.	Keith Hillman	
III Speakers	Logan Pryor and Brent Fason are going to the International Association of Emergency Management in November. They will provide feedback once they return. We received a tour of the new Conway Corp Customer Care Center	Brent Fason	
IV. Old Business	Keith has most of the information for the Tier II Chemical update. He is waiting on		Keith to send out Tier II Chemical update.

V New Business	a complete list but decided that he would have the information that he currently has emailed out later to the committee. He stated it has the name of the company, the address, and all the chemicals housed in their facility. There was an incident in Quitman, Arkansas a few weeks ago that could have been serious, but we were fortunate that it was handled. Keith is going to the LEPC Convention in Rogers, AR November 2-3, 2025. He will give us information concerning his experience there when he comes back. We are in respiratory season. We usually peak in December and January and it looks like that is what will happen this year as well just by looking at the numbers. A few people have been hospitalized with the flu already; mostly elderly individuals and COVID are on the uptick as well across the state. COVID has been trending as an uptick of cases every 6 months and has been very cyclical just like clockwork. We should see another peak in December concerning COVID. Be mindful that Flu shots are available and there is a new COVID shot available. Most clinics and hospitals do not carry it, but most pharmacies are. It takes two weeks after your shot to build immunity. So, if you're traveling or	Keith Hillman	
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VI Announcements	going somewhere and are going to be in really crowded places like conventions you may want to plan your shot two weeks ahead of time. The COVID strain that we are seeing right now has presented with fever, but the biggest thing has been the presence of a very painful sore throat. All these viruses are typical. You're going to have fever, sore throat, and aches. So, it's hard to know what it is, and again, we are in respiratory season. A lot of RSV is also going around right now. In the past we associated this virus with just babies, but we are seeing it a lot in adults. We don't know if this is attributed to pre-COVID practice of not testing adults for RSV. October is a good month to start receiving these vaccines. The Integrative Warning Team Meeting will be held in Batesville, AR October 22, 2025 and if anyone would like to attend they have until October 17, 2025 to register online for the in-person event. There will be a Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities Session held at Baptist Health Medical Center-Conway February 17, 2026 from 8a-5pm. In the future, the breakroom at Conway Corp doubles as a training room and can		
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VII Adjournment	accommodate about 150 people. Contact Brent and if dates are available when space is needed, they may be able to host the Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities Session. Tiaona Winot is the new Red Cross representative for this county. This was her first LEPC meeting. Within the last three months there have been 13 calls to the red cross for Faulkner County from July to October 15, 2025. From January 1 to October 15, 2025, there have been 53 total calls the Red Cross has responded to. The Red Cross only has one volunteer in Faulkner County, which is a logistics volunteer. Tiaona is working to host a volunteer open house to show the day in the life of a volunteer. The open house would last about 2 to 3 hours, and she would like to have it after the holidays and before Spring. She would like to start advertising six weeks in advance and Keith Hillman said once she has the flyer ready, we will push it out to others. The next meeting will be January 21, 2025 at 12 noon at Baptist Health Conway.	Brent Fason Tiaona Winot	
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	Motion to adjourn by Brent Fason and seconded by Randle Green. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1315	Keith Hillman	
Respectfully Submitted by: Tameka Webb, LEPC Secretary; Approved:			

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