

JEFFERSON COUNTY LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

January 18, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

The January LEPC meeting was called to order at 11:07AM by Chair Ray Chesson (JC) at the Rockin'A Café. The January meeting was sponsored by Chevron Phillips – Port Arthur.

Self-introductions were made by LEPC members in attendance.

Chair Chesson asked the membership to consider sponsoring one of the LEPC meetings for 2017 and to contact Chris Gonzales. Chair Chesson also asked that if a member would like to conduct a Program for a meeting or knows of an organization that would to contact himself, Greg Fountain or Chris Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Chair Chesson told the membership a copy of both the September and November 2016 Meeting Minutes were sent out and if members had an opportunity to review them. Chair Chesson asked that if no one had any corrections that he would entertain a motion to accept the Minutes as written. A motion was made by Tommy Wells (Sunoco) to accept the Minutes and Seconded by Tommy Shelton (Goodyear). Membership voted unanimously to approve, motion passed.



Our Goal

The purpose of the Jefferson County, Texas LEPC is to inform the public by providing adequate awareness information for chemical emergencies and other hazardous situations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report (November - December)

Beginning November Balance..... \$ 47,813.88

Deposits:

November \$ 0.00
Interest..... 0.39
December..... \$ 0.00
Interest.....0.40

Withdrawals

Ck #	\$	Purpose	\$Amount
1072	Rock'n A Cafe	Nov. LEPC Meeting	\$ 350.00

Ending December Balance..... \$ 48,214.67

Chris Gonzales read the Treasures Report as noted above. Co-Chair Greg Fountain (JCEM) told the membership that at any time someone wanted to see the financials (bank statements) they are always welcome to see the documentation information in order to maintain transparency of the organization. Sec./Tres will have this information at each meeting.

Chair Chesson asked if there were any questions or corrections to Treasure's Report as read, there were none. A motion was made by Charlie Kosh (Total) to accept the report and seconded by Tommy Shelton. Membership voted unanimously to approve, motion passed.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Plant Manager's Forum annual sum \$ 19,500 was deposited into LEPC operations account. Co-Chair Fountain reminded members if their company was a member of the Plant Manager's Forum that their company's membership dues to the LEPC were paid up through the PMF. If members should receive the Membership Dues Form they should indicate it is paid through the PMF.
- \$10,000 check written to off-set operational expenses to Jefferson County.

- Red Cross wants to address some issues with their staffing levels and locations. Chester Jourdan (ARC) provided some information regarding the recent reduction in staffing in the American Red Cross and its effects of their services across the region. C. Jourdan encouraged folks to volunteer to help offset the cut-backs.
- The LEPC May Meeting has been cancelled on this year's schedule due to the conflict with the Texas Emergency Management Conference which will be held in May.
- The National Hurricane Conference will be held this year in New Orleans, La. on April 17th – 20th. Co-Chair Fountain advised the membership that Chair Chesson has expressed interest in attending and in the past LEPC had provided the funding to send representatives to attend. Co-Chair Fountain asked if there was any discussion regarding sending Chair Chesson, there were none. A motion was made by Louie Havens (PAFD) to provide the funding to send Chair Chesson to the NHC and seconded by Tommy Shelton. Membership voted unanimously to approve, motion passed.
- Texas Emergency Management Conference May 16th – 19th. In the past LEPC has paid for the travel expenses (hotel, registration and per diem) for Chair Ray Chesson and Jeremy Hansen (USCG). Sec/Tres. Chris Gonzales (CPC) travel expenses will be provided by CPC. A motion was made by Chief Richards (PAFD) to fund the TEMC for Chair Chesson and J. Hansen and seconded by Roscoe Compton (Martin Res.). Membership voted unanimously to approve, motion passed.
- Co-Chair Fountain told the membership the following is the sponsorships/services the LEPC has voted to fund in past years. These have been put on the January Agenda to discuss and vote using the previous year dollar amount in order that we don't forget to address them in later meetings and avoid having to send out an email to acquire approval by membership.
 1. LifeShare Blood Drive... \$2,500.00
 2. Walraven book covers... \$ 6,940.63
 3. Lamar Advertising (electronic bill board) ...16 weeks (June, July, Aug., Sept.) \$12,000 = \$10,000 paid by LEPC + \$2,000 paid by Jeff. Co. OEM
 4. Jeff. Co. Cops & Kids Fishing Benefit... \$1,000.00
 5. SNCA Golf Tourney \$680.00
 6. Beaumont Fire Dept. Safety Festival... \$2,500.00
 7. P.A. Guns & Hoses... \$1,500.00
 8. **Lamar Institute of Technology Shoot-Out...\$1,500.00**
- A motion was made by Tommy Shelton to provide sponsorship to the above noted services/organizations in the amount listed and seconded by Roscoe Compton. Membership voted unanimously to approve, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Right To Know & Public Information – Chairperson Tommy Shelton – No report
- Hazmat Facilities Liaison – Chairperson Louie Havens – discussed the recent radiation training of 11 firefighters from area fire department. This training will be an asset to our region if they should ever be called upon to respond.
- Medical Committee – Chairperson Butch Holmes – Not Present
- Emergency Response/Resources – Chairperson Tommy Wells – told the membership the importance of communicating with the Emergency Management Office anytime an organization has an incident or anytime something would occur at your facility outside of normal activity i.e., the sounding of a plant alarm outside of the normal time that would get the community concerned.

PROGRAM: None

Next LEPC Meeting:

March 15, 2017

Rock'n A Café

Sponsor –Valero Pipeline

Ray Chesson

Chair

Greg Fountain

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

