

JEFFERSON COUNTY LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

July 21, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The July LEPC meeting was called to order by Sec./Tres. Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1). Sec./Tres. Gonzales welcomed the membership present and explained that due to his illness, Chair Chesson would not be in attendance and he would conduct today's meeting. Sec./Tres. Gonzales recognized Golden Triangle Storage as today's meeting sponsor however due to prior obligations, there was no one in attendance. Sec./Tres. Gonzales led the membership in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

- **Approval of the May Meeting Minutes**

Sec./Tres. Gonzales asked the membership if they had an opportunity to review the May 2021 Meeting Minutes that were sent via email or the printed copies on the sign-in table and if there were any comments or corrections, there were none. Sec./Tres. Gonzales then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. A motion was made by Charlie Kosh (Total) to accept the Minutes as written and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

- **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Sec./Tres. Gonzales reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the membership. Following the reading Sec./Tres. Gonzales asked if there were any corrections to the report as read, there were none. A motion was made by Bryan Markland (MCA) to accept the Treasurer's Report as written and seconded by L. Havens. There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning May 2021 Balance.....**\$ 39,722.98**

Deposits:

May \$750.00
 June ... \$ 0.00

Withdrawals

Ck #	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
1026	Fire Boo, LLC	RESL Course	1,450.00

Ending June 2021 Balance..... **\$ 39,022.98**

Old Business

- Deputy Emergency Manager Robert Grimm (JCEM) reminded the membership of organization dues and to check with him to assure their agency was current.

New Business

- Co-Chair Mike White (JCEM) discussed with the membership the LEPC's purpose in the community and the organization's need to keep community informed of emergencies, threats and preparedness. One of the ways to provide information would be displaying messages on the electronic bill boards located along the highways around the Golden Triangle. Co-Chair White explained the messages could include 811, LEPC, STAN etc. that could provide the public important information and for \$7,500 three messages could be looped until October of 2021. Per discussion L. Havens asked if the STAN messaging advertisements played on television and radio would be updated from the past years. Co-Chair White explained that has already occurred and current messaging is being played on tv & radio. With no further discussion a motion was made by L. Havens and seconded by B. Markland to enter into an agreement to place the ads on the billboards for the \$7,500 until October 2021. There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- Co-Chair White introduced Chad Aycock (Indorama) who explained how Indorama is wanting to get more involved with the community and have various events planned. C. Aycock told the membership Indorama's desire to partner with other agencies like the LEPC and others and get involved with area events, schools, etc.
- Co-Chair White asked the membership if they would like to sponsor a LEPC meeting or provide a program this year or in 2022 to get with R. Grimm.
- Co-Chair White brought to the membership a request for sponsorship for the Port Arthur Guns & Hoses Annual Clay Shoot. This event will be Saturday September 11, 2021 in Lumberton Texas. L. Havens explained to the membership that proceeds from this event will go toward a benevolent fund benefitting Port Arthur Police and Firefighters. In the past the LEPC membership approved two teams and two carts for participating members. This year to sponsor two teams \$1,400 + two golf cart \$300 = \$1,700. Co-Chair White asked for a motion to sponsor the event, a motion was made by L. Havens and seconded by Jody Herrera (JCESD#3). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- Co-Chair White explained to the membership that due to Chair Chesson's illness he would probably not return to the LEPC and there would be a need to place someone in his position for the interim. Co-Chair White made a motion to nominate Bryan Markland as interim Chair for the LEPC and seconded by L. Havens. There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- Jeremy Hansen (USCG/JCESD#4) discussed with the membership information regarding the recent Port Security Grant. J. Hansen also acknowledged Jody Herrera who has now become the Fire Chief for Jefferson County E.S.D. #3 after the retirement of Doug Saunders.
- Co-Chair White recognized the following individuals for their assistance during the Covid crisis in the area and presented them an appreciation certificate.

- Brittany Givens and Robert Jacobs from Riceland Health Care for assistance during the COVID regional vaccine program.
- Zach Johnson from the Speaker of the House Dade Phelan's Office for assistance in getting the regional vaccination plan approved.

PROGRAM: None

Committee Reports:

- Right To Know & Public Information – Chairperson Tommy Sheldon – Not present
- Hazmat Facilities Liaison – Chairperson Louie Havens – No report
- Medical Committee – Chairperson Butch Holmes – Provided information of the upcoming SETRAC 12th Annual Healthcare Preparedness Symposium that will be held on October 20-22 in Galveston TX.
- Emergency Response/Resources – Chairperson Tommy Wells – Not present

Next LEPC Meeting:

September 15, 2021

Location: Rockin A Café

Sponsor Motiva

Time: 11:00

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by: Jody Herrera

Seconded by: Bryan Markland

Ray Chesson

Chair

Mike White

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

