

JEFFERSON COUNTY LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

May 19, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The May LEPC meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mike White (JCEM). Co-Chair White welcomed the membership and stated this was the first “in-person” meeting in over a year since the Covid Pandemic started. Co-Chair White opened the meeting by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and then called on Scott McDonald (BASF) to lead the invocation. Co-Chair White then asked for self-introduction from the membership. Co-Chair White recognized Nat-Gas representatives and thanked them for sponsoring the May meeting.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair White asked the membership if they had an opportunity to review the March 2021 Meeting Minutes that were sent via email and if there were any comments or corrections, there were none. Co-Chair White then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. A motion was made by Scott McDonald (BASF) to accept the Minutes and seconded by Tommy Sheldon (Goodyear). There was no opposition to the motion to accept the Minutes, motion passed.

- **Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) reviewed the Treasurer’s Report with the membership. Following the reading Co-Chair White asked if there were any corrections to the report as read, there were none. A motion was made by Charlie Kosh (Total) to accept the Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer). There was no opposition to the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, motion passed. Co-Chair White asked the membership if anyone knew of any of the fundraisers of previous years i.e., Guns & Hoses, Beaumont Fire Safety Festival, etc. but none have been announced at this time.

Treasurer’s Report

Beginning February 2021 Balance.....**\$36,157.51**

Deposits:

February.....	\$800.00
March	\$20,850.00
April	\$50.00

Withdrawals

Ck #	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
1023	Jefferson County	Off-set Deputy EM Salary	\$10,000.00
1024	SNCA	Annual Golf Tournament	\$600.00
1025	Walraven Books	Annual School Book Cover Campaign	\$7,534.53

Ending April 2021 Balance..... \$ 39,722.98

Old Business

- Co-Chair White briefly discussed the SNCA golf tournament and the memberships participation.

New Business

- Co-Chair White gave a briefing on what has been happening in the Emergency Management Office in the last 24-48 regarding the current rain event and flooding on-going in the region. Meetings were being conducted with agencies including EM, GLO, DPS, etc. to discuss actions before, during and afterwards if needed. Now that the rainfall and flooding threat has diminished in the Jefferson County area, the EOC will not be stood up unless conditions change.
- Scott McDonald asked would the LEPC consider hybrid meetings (in-person & on-line) in the future to enable those members who cannot make the in-person meeting, be able to call in. S. McDonald stated that participation at LEPC meeting is regulatory and he and others make every attempt to make the in-person meeting however conditions at their employer sometime make it impossible to attend. Co-Chair White told the membership he would consider the hybrid meeting in July.

PROGRAM:

- General Land Office (GLO)- Ryan Lytle provided the membership an informative overlook of the duties and responsibilities of the GLO.
- National Weather Service – Roger Erickson gave the membership a look into this year’s hurricane season. Roger stated it is predicted to be an active season with tropical weather.

Committee Reports:

- Right To Know & Public Information – Chairperson Tommy Sheldon – No Report
- Hazmat Facilities Liaison – Chairperson Louie Havens – Not Present
- Medical Committee – Chairperson Butch Holmes – Not Present
- Emergency Response/Resources – Chairperson Tommy Wells – No Report

Next LEPC Meeting:
July 21, 2021
Location: Rockin A Café
Time: 11:00

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by: Scott McDonald
Seconded by: Tommy Sheldon

Ray Chesson

Chair

Mike White

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

