

JEFFERSON COUNTY LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

MEETING MINUTES January 18, 2023

The January 2023 LEPC meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Markland (Mitsubishi Chem). Chair Markland welcomed the membership and recognized Exxon-Mobil representatives for sponsoring the meeting.

Chair Markland then called on Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) to give the invocation and lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chair Markland then asked the membership to commence with self-introductions.

Chair Markland recognized Robert Grimm who has now been named Jefferson County's Emergency Management Coordinator, taking the position following Mike White's retirement. Robert has served as the Jefferson County Deputy EMC for five years, coordinating the readiness, impact and recovery response to several hurricanes including; Harvey and TS Imelda, as well as Winter Storm Uri and the COVID response. Robert is an experienced asset that will benefit our region.

• Approval of the November 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Markland asked the membership if they had an opportunity to review the November 2022 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. Chair Markland then asked for a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes as written. A motion was made by Louie Havens (PAFD) and seconded by Jimmy Evans (American Valve & Hydrant). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

• Approval of Treasurer's Report

Chair called on Chris Gonzales to review Treasurer's Report with the membership. Following the reading Chair Markland asked if there were any comments or corrections to the report as read, there were none. A motion was made by Louie Havens to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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Beginning November 2022 Balance..... \$ **16,873.25**

Deposits:

November	\$	-0-
December	\$	*1,500.00

**Goodyear and Sasol membership dues*

Withdrawals

Ck #	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
--	Neches Credit Union	Request of paper copy of bank statement	\$2.00

Ending December 2022 Balance.....\$ **18,371.25**

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Chair Markland explained to the membership that there is still some unfinished Neches Federal Credit Union banking needs to be brought before the membership and voted on. Former Chair Ray Chesson’s name needs to be removed from the banking records (checking account) and replaced with current Chair Brian Markland’s name. The second name change will be removing former Co-Chair Mike White and replacing his name with current Co-Chair Robert Grimm. Chris Gonzales, current Secretary/Treasurer, will remain on the account. Chair Markland then asked for a motion to complete the said changes. A motion was made by Louie Havens and seconded by Eddie Seal (Total Energies). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- Co-Chair Grimm introduced Jeff Phillips who has been named Deputy Emergency Coordinator for Jefferson County taking Robert Grimm’s position who has been promoted to the EMC. Jeff retired as a District Chief for Beaumont Fire Department having served for over 29 years, was an instructor with a local training organization and recently moved over from the City of Beaumont’s Emergency Management organization...*“Welcome aboard Jeff”!*
- **Program:** - Steve Martin (Iron Horse) told the membership of an upcoming training event on March 15th & 16th, TRANSCAER & The Sulphur Institute Training & Drill. For more information contact: Steve Martin stevemartin@ironhorseserv.com 409-748-0811
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Committee Reports:

- Right To Know & Public Information – Chairperson Tommy Shelton – Not present
- Hazmat Facilities Liaison – Chairperson Louie Havens – No report
- **Medical Committee** – Chairperson Lydia Worthen – Not present
- **Emergency Response/Resources** – Chairperson Tommy Wells – No report

Motion To Adjourn

Motion made by: Louie Havens
Seconded by: Jimmy Evans

Next LEPC Meeting:
March 15, 2023

Sponsor – Coastal Chemicals

Location: Rocking A Café

Time: 11:00

Bryan Markland

Chair

Robert Grimm

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

