



MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2024

The May 2024 LEPC meeting was called to order by Chair McDonald (BASF) @ 11:11. Chair McDonald welcomed the membership and recognized representative Chad McWilliams from American Valve & Hydrant who was the meeting host. Mr. McWilliams said a welcome and introduced long-time employee and LEPC member Jimmy Evans and Tim Apshire.

Chair McDonald then called on Jeff Phillips (JCEM) to give the invocation. Chair McDonald lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Chair McDonald then asked the membership to commence with self-introductions.

• Approval of the January 2024 Meeting Minutes (there was no March meeting)

Chair McDonald ask if the membership had the opportunity to review the January Minutes that were emailed and if anyone had any corrections to them, there were none. Chair McDonald then asked for a motion and second to accept the January Minutes as written. Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer) made the motion and seconded by Joey Encalade (BASF). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

• Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Chair McDonald called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD#1) to review the Treasurer’s Report with the membership. Following the reading Chair McDonald asked if there were any corrections to the report as read, there were none. Chair McDonald then asked for a motion and second to accept the report as read. A motion was made by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) to accept the Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Eddie Burleigh (Acadian EMS). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

• Treasurer’s Report

Beginning January 2024 Balance..... \$ 56,278.70

Deposits:

January \$ 6,100.00
 February \$ 3,000.00
 March \$ 350.00
 April \$ -0-

Withdrawals

Ck #	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
-	ATD	Refund – overpayment dues	350.00
1061	SNCA	Golf Tournament Entry	350.00

Ending April Balance..... \$ 65,028.70

• Old Business

Chair McDonald called on Co-Chair Robert Grimm (Jeff. Co. Emg. Mgt.) to provide a review of the Disaster Expo recently held at the Orange County Expo Center. Co-Chair Grimm told the membership there were numerous booths set up to provide educational information to the public on disaster preparedness and recovery however the public turnout attendance was disappointing low. Organizers would meet to critique the event and determine what can be done different or better in the future to assure a better attendance for the next planned Expo.

- **New Business**

Chair McDonald then called on Co-Chair Grimm (JCEM) to explain a cost share training that is being planned for the region. Co-Chair Grimm told the membership that the Planning Section Chiefs Training Course cost will be shared with other organization and the shared cost for the LEPC is \$1,275.00 of the over-all \$10,000.00. This course will be available and information will be communicated once dates are set. Chair McDonald asked if there were any further discussion regarding the topic, there were none. Chair McDonald then asked for a motion and second to pay the \$1,275.00 share of the class cost. Shane Thomas (Motiva) made the motion and seconded by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

- Chair McDonald then explained to the membership of the need to purchase some promotional products that can be given to the public at various functions like the recent Disaster Expo. Items that want to be purchased are notebook with a pen, Preparedness Guide, and keychain bottle opener/phone holder. The cost to purchase these items are seen below;

- Notebook/Pen \$2.38 ea. (250) = \$710.00
- Keychain bottle opener/Phone holder \$ 0.75 ea. (500) = \$432.72
- Preparedness Guide 0.69 ea. (1000) = \$802.80
- Total Purchase \$1,945.85**

Chair McDonald asked the membership if there was any discussion regarding the promotional products purchase, there were none. Chair McDonald then asked for a motion and second to approved the purchase of the promotional products for \$1,945.85. Joey Encalade (BASF) made the motion to approve the purchase and seconded by Eddie Seal (Resin Solutions), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

- Jeff Philips told the membership the electronic billboards are up and running reminding the public of hurricane preparedness. There are three billboards in the area and being funded by the LEPC.

- **Program**

- Chad McWilliams (American Valve & Hydrant) provided the membership an in-depth look into the operation of AV&H. Not many of the membership were aware that fire hydrants were manufactured in right here in Beaumont. And a BIG congratulation to Jimmy Evans....52 YEARS as an employee with American Valve and Hydrant...WoW!!
- Doug Cramer (National Weather Service) provided an overview of what to expect in this year's hurricane season and stated forecast is a busier season than last.

Committee Reports:

- Right To Know – Chairperson Tianxing (Ti) - Absent

- Public Information – Chairperson – Jeff Phillips – Chair Phillips told the membership of some hand-outs he has placed on the tables at the back of the room regarding hurricane preparedness. Chair Phillips also stated he will schedule meetings to help the region prepare for hurricane season in later dates. Chair Phillips also mentioned a Cyber Security Course that is being offered in June. See the information at the back of the room.
- Hazmat Facilities Liaison – Chairperson Louie Havens – Not Present
- Medical Committee – Chairperson Lydia Wortham – Chair Wortham told the membership hospitals and EMS agencies are prepping for hurricane season. More specifically evacuation and sheltering in place.

SETRAC is facilitating a functional exercise on May 23, 2024.

SETRAC will be standing up CMOC at TranStar and the exercise objectives are: Objectives:

- Evaluate evacuation and shelter-in-place policies and procedures in anticipation of a major weather event, including patient tracking and receiving.
- Identify coordination and communication methods used to mitigate the effects of a hurricane.

Tabletops have been held in every SETRAC corridor over the past 3 months building up to this exercise. In the day of the functional exercise organizations will be provided the scenario for a major hurricane event as well as injects through the exercise timeframe. SETRAC stakeholders throughout the region will have the opportunity to "plug and play" to whatever scale they wish for this exercise. If any LEPC partners would like to be involved they are welcome to participate/observe at Christus St. Elizabeth. Contact person is Lydia Worthen, Emergency Preparedness Program Manager for Christus SETX. Contact information link below

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- Emergency Response/Resources – Chairperson Tommy Wells – No report

Motion To Adjourn

Motion made by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3)

Seconded by: Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer)

Adjourned @ 11:49

Next LEPC Meeting: July 17, 2024

Sponsor: Arkema

Location: Rocking A Café

Time: 11:00

Scott McDonald

Chair

Robert Grimm

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer



Our Mission

"To enhance the protection of the community and the environment through planning, preparation, and communication between citizens."