



MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2025

The January LEPC meeting was called to order by Chair Scott McDonald (BASF) @ 11:08. Chair McDonald welcomed the membership and recognized meeting host Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer).

Chair McDonald then called on Jeff Phillips (Jeff. Co. EM) to give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag lead by Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD#1).

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

Approval of the November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chair McDonald told the membership the November meeting minutes were emailed and there were copies on the tables for review. Chair McDonald then asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes, there were none. Chair McDonald then asked for a motion and second to accept the November minutes as written. Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) made the motion and seconded by Wayne Bradley (TPC Group), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Chair McDonald then called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales to review the Treasurer’s Report with the membership. Secretary/Treasurer Gonzales told the membership he had not received the December financials from the bank so he could only report on the month of November. Following the reading Chair McDonald asked if there were any questions/corrections to the report as read, there were none. Chair McDonald then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Jimmy Evans (American Valve & Hydrant) and seconded by Joey Escalade (BASF-Pt. Arthur), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Beginning November Balance..... \$ 52,018.42

Deposits:

November..... \$ 8,400.00

Withdrawals :

November \$ -0-

Ck #	Date	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
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Ending November Balance.....\$ 60,418.42

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Chair McDonald told the membership of the need to replace the Chairperson for the Right-to Know Committee. Robert Grimm (Jeff. Co. EM) would be seeking a replacement.

Committee Reports:

- Right To Know – Chairperson – to be announced later
- Public Information – Chairperson – Jeff Phillips – Chair Phillips told the membership of a recent Storm Spotter class that was held at LIT. This was a very informative class mostly attended by radio ham operators who assist during times of emergencies. Doug Cramer from the National Weather service was the host speaker and spoke on a number of topics including what to look for during a storm and how to stay safe.
- Hazmat Facilities Liaison – Chairperson Louie Havens – Absent
- Medical Committee – Chairperson Lydia Wortham – Told the membership of the Chaos Control seminar this is soon to take place in the area. The seminar topics will include; Command and Management of Mass Casualty and Mass Fatality Incidents, MCI Triage Principles Difficult Airway Management, Packaging Multi-System Trauma Patients Management and Transport Decisions of the Burn Patient during and MCI.

Seminar Dates:

- **January 21, 2025 Robert “Bob” Bowers Civic Center 3401 Cultural Center Dr. Port Arthur, TX 77642**
- **February 27, 2025 City of Beaumont EOC 700 Orleans St. Beaumont, TX 77701**
- **March 18, 2025 Robert “Bob” Bowers Civic Center 3401 Cultural Center Dr. Port Arthur, TX 77642**
- Emergency Response/Resources – Chairperson Tommy Wells – Chair Wells told the membership that when an emergency occurs at your facility it is so important to make notification to the Emergency Management Office. Robert Grimm and Jeff Phillips need to know in order they communicate the event to other County Officials including County Judge Brannick. The last thing you want is for these officials to find about this emergency through the news or social media.

Program

- TCEQ – Wade Graham made a presentation to the membership of reporting hazardous events to the TCEQ office.

Motion To Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Chair McDonald asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) made the motion and was seconded by Stephanie Garsea (Acadian EMS), there was no opposition, motion passed. Meeting adjourned

Next LEPC Meeting: March 19, 2025

Sponsor: TBD

Location: Rocking A Café

Time: 11:00

Scott McDonald

Chair

Robert Grimm

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

