



**MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2025**

The November LEPC meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Robert Grimm (Jefferson Co. EM) @ 11:10. Co-Chair Grimm welcomed the membership and recognized ExxonMobil PE who was the meeting host.

Co-Chair Grimm then called on Jeff Phillips (Jeff. Co. EM) to give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

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

Approval of the September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Grimm told the membership that on their table were the September Meeting Minutes for review. Co-Chair Grimm then asked if anyone had any corrections to the Minutes, there were none. Co-Chair Grimm then asked for a motion and second to accept the September Minutes as written. Marcus Cambell (Valero) made the motion and seconded by Jace Wood (Chemtrade), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Co-Chair then called on Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co, ESD1) to provide the Treasurer’s Report. Following the report Co-Chair Grimm asked if there were any questions/corrections to the report as read, there were none. Co-Chair Grimm then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Marcus Cambell (Valero) and seconded by Jonzack Waybright (ExxonMobil PE), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Beginning September Balance.....\$ 43,168.42

Deposits:

September..... \$ - 0-
 October \$ 13,850.00 (Membership dues)

Withdrawals :

September \$ - 0 -
 October \$ - 0 -

Ck #	Date	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
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Ending October Balance.....\$ 57,018.42

Old Business - None

New Business

- Co-Chair Grimm again reminded the membership if an incident occurs at their facility or place of business i.e., accident, fatality, environment release they are obligated to contact the Emergency Management Office and provide proper notification not only to EM but also the Sheriff's Office. Emergency Management or the Sheriff's Dept. should not be hearing of the incident via the media or social media.
- Co-Chair told the membership the following are expenditures the LEPC addresses and brings before the membership each year for discussion and approval. Co-Chair told the membership he would read them all then ask for a motion and second.
- 2026 LEPC Expenditures for discussion and approval;
 - \$10,000.00 – to offset Deputy EM salary
 - \$20,000.00 – Lamar Advertisement (electronic billboards- hurricane season)
 - \$2,000.00 – LEPC outreach
 - \$1,500.00 – Training (same as 2025)
 - \$350.00 – SNCA Golf Tournament

A motion was then made by Marcus Cambell (Valero) and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD) to move of the expenditures, there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- **Right To Know** – Chairperson – TBD
- **Public Information** – Chairperson – Jeff Phillips –Chair Phillips forwarded his report via email in his absent.
 - Digital billboards are continuing to run throughout Jefferson County.
 - A presentation was made to SETX Builders Association in August.
 - Participating in an event put on by Lamar Center for Resiliency on Saturday 9/20.
 - There will also be participation at the Beaumont Fire Fest on October 4th.
 - Payment was made to conduct the recent Liaison course at the Beaumont EOC.
 - As a reminder 2026 Membership dues will soon be going out next month.
- **Hazmat Facilities Liaison** – Chairperson Louie Havens (PAFD) – Chief Havens reemphasized the need to make notifications to the proper emergency response group when an emergency event occurs in your facility.
- **Medical Committee** – Chairperson Lydia Wortham (St. Elizabeth) – Reported we are continuing to plan for World Cup 2026. Members can access details via setrac.org

Karie Singleton (St. Elizabeth) reported;

- Uptick in drug-resistant fungus called [Candida auris](#) is posing significant risks to vulnerable patients in long-term care facilities and those with compromised immune systems.
- Also, there is a noted rise in the presence of bedbugs throughout the state and seeing a significant number on patients presenting to hospitals.

- **Emergency Response/Resources** – Chairperson Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer) – Not Present

Program:

National Weather Service-Doug Cramer spoke how AI accuracy of weather forecasting is a thing of the future. AI can be more accurate than the traditional forecasting. D. Carmer provided some examples of predicting hurricane landfall.

Motion To Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Co-Chair Grimm asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Louie Havens made the motion and was seconded by Joe Gobert (Martin) motion passed. Meeting adjourned

Next LEPC Meeting: January 21,2026

Sponsor: TBD

Location: Rocking A Café

Time: 11:00

Scott McDonald

Chair

Robert Grimm

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

