

Bee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

Emergency Operations Center, 111 S. St. Mary's St; Suite 201, Beeville, Texas 78102

Members Present: (22)

David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ryan Garza – Bee OEM	Rob Reyes – Bee OEM	Michelle Matus – Bee Tax Office
Mike Willow – TDEM	Audra Tawater – Normanna VFD	Edward Ortega – Birchwood	Melvin Davis – Startex
Julie Willow – Secretary	Cory Davis – Enbridge	Joel Saenz – Pawnee VFD	Jenny Ward – Repsol
Vale Griffith – Repsol	Jack McCarty – TFS	Jairam Atluri – BBSTX	James Baldwin – TCEQ Austin
Jr Garcia – Plains	Ryan Trevino – Bee SO	Michael Marquez – DSHS	Jared Fulghum – Arg Petro
Tux Jackson – Plains	Brad Read - ConocoPhillips		

(1) Call Meeting to order: David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:13 am & attendee introductions.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance: By membership

(3) Acceptance of minutes: Motion to approve by Michele Matus and was seconded by Vale Griffith – minutes approved

(4) Old Business/New Business:

- Old business:** David Cave encouraged new members go to <https://beelepc.org> the Bee County LEPC Website. Encouraged attendees to bring a friend/co-worker to next meeting. Would like each Pipeline/Facility to reach out to public to explain what goes on with their process. Presented new LEPC safety coloring book for Bee County kids.
- New business:** Commissioners court presented Proclamation to LEPC Pipeline members declaring April Safe Digging Month. Chairman challenged the subcommittee chairs to invite more members to participate in their meetings.

(5) Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences: www.coastalbendcan.org – www.preparingtexas.org

- TDEM Major conference in Dallas end of May.
- Communications Unit Leader training L-969, in Lubbock, 10/7/24 – 10/10/24.

(6) Standing Subcommittee Reports:

- Finance – Chair: Richard Cantu Jr.** David Cave presented the financial report and a total of \$11,451.52 in LEPC bank account. Motion by Michelle Matus & Ryan Trevino seconded – membership approved the financial report.
- Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – Chairs: Ryan Garza.** Michelle Myers - reported shelter-in-place school training was held January 19 with Pettus ISD & Pettus/Tuleta VFD participated. Also stressed the importance of citizens, schools and businesses need to sign up for I-Info/CBCAN to be able to receive messages when there is an emergency within the Bee County area. Informed members of printing of 3,000 new coloring books & 4,000 Rack cards totaling around \$4,000 to be used for educating the public on chemical emergency preparedness.
- Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chairs: Open.** Kevin Buesing - reported they working on tour of Halliburton facility & other petroleum & oil field related facilities with area fire departments soon.
- Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chairs: Ty Huser. Brad Read** reported they are reaching out for additional members for their committee and plan to meet in May to plan a Pipeline related tabletop incident for later this year. Brad stressed the importance of notifying 811 before digging.

(7) Presentation: James Baldwin, TCEQ Tier II Specialist from Austin, presented a slide presentation on Tier II reporting and sharing that information with local Fire Departments in knowing what chemicals can be involved in an incident.

(8) Public Comment/Announcements: Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person/group.

Be advised the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the committee from responding and discussing your comments at length and comments need to be factual in nature.

- Jr Garcia with Plains Pipeline stated there are some new rules for notifying 811 for any type of work that includes disturbing the soil in any way is now a required notification call.

(9) Next Meeting Date: **July 10, 2024 Quarterly meeting to begin (2nd Wednesday of the month) 10:00am**

(10) Motion to Adjourn: Mike Willow made motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson