

**Bee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2025**

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

**Members Present: (25)**

David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ryan Garza – Bee OEM	Rob Reyes – Bee OEM	Michelle Matus – Bee Tax Office
Mike Willow – TDEM	Joel Saenz – Pawnee VFD	Ty Huser – SVFD	Brandon Smith - SVFD
Chris Haller – BPD	Gilbert Perez – Christus	Randy Aguirre – Sheriff	CG Walwyn – CB College PD
Tino Olivares – Commissioner	Dennis DeWitt – Commissioner	Patty Johnson – St. Mary's	Kris Linney - Commissioner
Richard Cantu – BPD	Jesus Magallanes – City of Beeville	Art Gamez – BISD PD	Tai Toelken – SVFD
Ernest Orozco – Arg Petro	Russell Kirk – SO	Daniel Dorgan – City Bee	Henry Munez – City Bee
Jim Schultz – TEEC College Station			

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

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance:** By membership

**(3) Acceptance of minutes:** Motion to approve by Richard Cantu and was seconded by Mike Willow – minutes approved

**(4) Old Business/New Business:**

- Old business: David Cave encouraged new members go to [www.beelepc.org](http://www.beelepc.org) **Reminder:** Bee County LEPC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization – donations are tax deductible.
- County Judge approved the LEPC meeting schedule & Subcommittee Goals for 2025.
- New business: Reviewed new subcommittee Chairs: Joel Saenz and Chris Haller.

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

- TFS grants available for fire trucks & equipment if departments are NIMS compliant.

**(6) Standing Subcommittee Reports: (Bee County LEPC Organization Chart of Officers)**

- Finance – Chairs: Richard Cantu Jr; Chris Haller. presented the financial report and a total of \$7,638.60 in LEPC bank account. Motion by Ryan Garza & Joel Saenz seconded – membership approved the financial report.
- Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – Chairs: Ryan Garza. Michelle Matus -
- Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chairs: Ty Huser. Kevin Buesing – Nothing to report.
- Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chairs: Joel Saenz; Brad Read -Nothing to report.

**(7) Presentation: Jim Schutz,** TEEC Training Coordinator, Region 3 – review role expectations of LEPC Committees per EPCRA and City & County Administrators, Fire & Law Enforcement Chiefs/Sheriff legal liabilities if Emergency Responders not meeting Federal NIMS training compliances. One example occurred on large event in West, Texas, which had multiple fatalities.

**(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. \*\*Janana Shoe, United Way, said citizens should dial 211 to see what benefits might be available to them.*

**(9) Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2025 Bi-monthly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00am**

**(10) Motion to Adjourn:** Michelle Matus made motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson