

Bee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

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

Members Present: (24)

David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ryan Garza – Bee OEM	Rob Reyes – Bee OEM	Michelle Matus – Bee Tax Office
Mike Willow – TDEM	Joel Saenz – Pawnee VFD	Ryan Brnardic – Repsol	Cyndi Carrasco – Bee Tax Office
Kevin Buesing - Halliburton	Gilbert Perez – Christus	Jose Mosqueda – EPIC	Frank Dominguez - BDA
Tino Olivares – Commissioner	Dennis DeWitt – Commissioner	Ryan Trevino – BSO	Brad Read – ConocoPhillips
Richard Cantu – BPD	Jesus Magallanes – City of Beeville	Logan Streadl – TAHC	Greg Gonzales – EPIC
Patricia Edwards – SO Dispatch	Rebecca Weaver – SO Dispatch	Justin Schoener – EPIC	Janna Shoe – UW -211 Texas

(1) Call Meeting to order: David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:02 am & attendee introductions.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance: By membership

(3) Acceptance of minutes: Motion to approve by Ryan Garza and was seconded by Ryan Trevino – minutes approved

(4) Old Business/New Business:

- Old business:** David Cave encouraged new members go to www.beelepc.org-Bee County LEPC has the ability to accept credit card payments for dues and general donations on website. 2025 Donation billings going out 12-1-24.
Reminder: Bee County LEPC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization – donations are tax deductible.
- County Judge approved the LEPC meeting schedule for 2025.
- New business:** Reviewed new subcommittee Chairs: Joel Saenz and Chris Haller.

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

- TFS grants available for fire trucks & equipment if departments are NIMS compliant.
- COG is offering 300 & 400 free training (Oct.29-31) & (Nov.5-6) in Corpus Christi. Pre-reqs required.

(6) Standing Subcommittee Reports:

- 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 - reported in June met w/Beeville Rotary Club, August met with Beeville Chamber of Commerce, in September met with Bee County Wednesday – Thursday Ladies Club. The specialized messaging included critical info on how to Shelter-n-Place & Special Evacuation measures to use during a chemical emergency. It was 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. LEPC hosted large training event in August w/emergency responders & BISD Superintendent & Police Chief would like to discuss how to have LEPC meet with Principals & teachers on this subject. Mike Willow suggested the LEPC try to participate in National Night Out next year.
- Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chairs:** *Ty Huser*. Kevin Buesing – invited LEPC members to tour the Halliburton facility on October 24, 2024.
- Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chairs:** *Joel Saenz*; Brad Read -reported they are reaching out to members to attend the Pipeline tabletop exercise for November 13, 2024, in the EOC office.

(7) Presentation: David Cave, gave a presentation on Pipeline Response Awareness & how to recognized hazards that may be involved for citizens, dispatchers, law enforcement, fire departments and EMS personnel

(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: **January 8, 2025 Bi-monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month) 10:00am**

(10) Motion to Adjourn: Ryan Garza made motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson