

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2025**

**Emergency Operations Center, 216 South FM 351, Beeville, Texas 78102**

**Members Present: (25)**

David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ryan Garza – Bee OEM	Rob Reyes – Bee OEM	Michelle Matus – Bee Tax Office
Joel Saenz – Pawnee VFD	Gilbert Perez – Christus	Randy Aguirre – Sheriff	Cyndi Carrasco – Bee Tax Office
Jonathan Martin -Energy Transfer	Jesus Magallanes – City of Beeville	Tai Toelken – SVFD	Rebecca Weaver - SO
Russell Kirk – SO	Thomas Mengers – TVFD	Coleman Mengers -TVFD	Ryan Trevino - SO
Robert Bridge – Citizen	Michele Bridge – Bee County Clerk	Anthony Villasona – TFS	Audra Tawater – NVFD
Javier Vasquez – ConocoPhillips	Michael Fletcher – ARG oil	Troy Poe – TFS	Jamie Pelfrey – SO
Bobby Jemison – Com. Affairs			

**(1) Call Meeting to order:** David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:06 am & attendee introductions.

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

**(3) Acceptance of minutes:** Motion to approve by Gilbert Perez and was seconded by Joel Saenz – 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. Discussed new LEPC Ad Hoc Committee.
- County Judge approved the LEPC meeting schedule & Subcommittee Goals for 2025.
- New business:** Membership letters were sent out for 2025 dues donation. LEPC meeting schedule on website.

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

- May 7.8<sup>th</sup> Hurricane Conference. ICS 300/400 courses coming up in April at Beeville EOC.

**(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 & Michelle Matus seconded – membership approved the financial report.
- Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – Chairs:** *Ryan Garza*. Michelle Matus – Sent out email to Chiefs for Ad Hoc committee to address NIMS Training Compliance for the City & County.
- Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chairs:** *Ty Huser*. Kevin Buesing – Nothing to report.
- Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chairs:** *Joel Saenz*; Brad Read – Energy Transfer PL invited LEPC PL to participate in their annual company exercise on large gas release due to construction work. Lots of excellent lessons learned.

**(7) Presentation: Jonathon Martin** – Corporate Emergency Manager for Energy Transfer talked about the need for caution when responding to large gas leak on pipelines, setting up Incident Command Post is essential & recommends 2 deputy ICs be used to help take load off IC, setting up staging area quickly for responders for accountability of equipment & personnel on site, having 2 Safety officers is needed, having one Unified Command Post is a must to have good communications with all entities on site keeping all parties in the loop on what's happening and who's where & doing what.

**(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. \*\*Robert Bridge, Texas Chairperson for the State One Call board that meets quarterly gave overview of team.*

**(9) Next Meeting Date:** **May 14, 2025 Bi-monthly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00am**

**(10) Motion to Adjourn:** Ryan Garza made motion, Gilbert Perez, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson