

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2023**

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

**Members Present: (17)**

David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ryan Garza – Bee OEM	Rob Reyes – Bee OEM	Tai Toelken-Skidmore VFD
Brad Read-ConocoPhillips	Richard Cantu – Beeville PD	Joel Saenz – Pawnee VFD	Mike Willow - TDEM
Julie Willow – Secretary	Michael Marquez – DSHS	Jessica Wilson – KRXB 107.1	Tino Oliveras – Bee Comm
Josette Gonzales – Angel Care	Frank Dominguez - BDA Exec Dir	Patty Johnson – St Mary Charter	Gwen Kline – Birchwood
Stan Simonser – St Mary Charter school			

**(1) Call Meeting to order:** David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:00 am & attendee introductions.

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

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

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

- a. Old business: David Cave encouraged new members go to <https://beelepc.org> the Bee County LEPC Website. The Beeville Newspaper did a story on the LEPC last week and as a result two new members came to the meeting after reading about it.
- b. New business: David Cave proposed the LEPC start meeting quarterly in 2024 (Jan.10; April 10; July 10; October 9, 2024; Motion to approve made by Brad Read & seconded by Joel Saenz & membership approved & new meeting schedule will be placed on LEPC website in December. It was announced now that the Bee County LEPC membership is increasing & subcommittees are holding meeting, we will be re-implementing the participation membership dues to help fund the upcoming education training supplies for the schools and planning project in 2024. Notices to companies/businesses will be sent out in December.

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

- a. ConocoPhillips to hold stakeholder engagement day Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> & Ryan will email flyer to members.

**(6) Standing Subcommittee Reports:**

- a. Finance – Chair: Richard Cantu Jr. reviewed the financial report and a total of \$11,043.54 in LEPC bank account. He reported a check for \$1,663.62 was presented to Skidmore VFD as reimbursement for an AED. Motion by Ryan Garza Tai Toelken seconded – membership approved the financial report.
- b. Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – Chair: Ryan Garza announced Bee OEM was working on setting a date at the Beeville FD fire field that would be open to the public to observe the various training emergency responders have to train for in responding.
- c. Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chair: Rob Reyes
- d. Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chair: Ty Huser was out so David Cave presented the committee had met on Oct.19, 2023, with Tynan VFD which NuStar Pipeline Operator hosted to discuss products and operations of the NuStar pumping station located at the Tynan City Limits. A site tour was conducted afterwards to review response tactics by local fire department personnel should there be an incident at the site.

**(7) Presentation:** Jessica Wilson with Beeville radio station KRXB 107.1 gave an overview of the station's capabilities and abilities to participate in the LEPC emergency communications as well doing PSAs for the LEPC with the public.

**(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.*

**(9) Next Meeting Date:** **December 13, 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00am** start time at EMC office conf. room.

**(10) Motion to Adjourn:** made motion and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson