

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 10, 2023**

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

**Members Present: (18)**

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| Ryan Garza – BC OEM         | David Cave – LEPC Chair      | Ryan Trevino – LEPC Vice-Chair | Robbie Guerrero –BCSO      |
| Kevin Buesing – Halliburton | Brann Quintana – Halliburton | Michelle Myers – City Bee      | Joe Little - Repsol        |
| James Green – P66 pipeline  | Henry Munoz – Bee City       | Mike Willow – TDEM             | John Metz – NOAA           |
| Jerry Cano – FHR pipeline   | Rob Reyes – BC OEM           | Alex Garcia – Red Cross        | Richard Cantu, Jr – Bee PD |
| Bella Blackwell – TDCJ      | Jose Hernandez - TABC        |                                |                            |

- (1) Call Meeting to order:** David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:00 am & attendee introductions. Chair took moment to review attachments for meeting detailing primary LEPC goals per EPRCA and encouraged attendees to review goals of the subcommittees and to let the appropriate subcommittee chair know they want to be part of that group in rebuilding the committee's attendance since COVID dwindled attendance the past few years.
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance:** By membership
- (3) Acceptance of minutes:** Motion to approve and was seconded – minutes approved
- (4) Old Business/New Business:**
  - a. Old business: Announcement of newly elected LEPC Executive officers
  - b. New business: Announcement Rob Reyes is the new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator working for Ryan Garza.
- (5) Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences:** [www.coastalbendcan.org](http://www.coastalbendcan.org) – [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)
  - a. Ryan Garza talked about Hurricane Conference May 3-4, 2023 & training classes for Stop the Bleed were good, announced upcoming training for plane crash response at the Goliad Airport and Beeville FD & BISD PD hosting an Electric vehicle fire response July 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$125.00.
- (6) Standing Subcommittee Reports:**
  - a. Finance – *Chair: Richard Cantu Jr.; Vice Chair: Open* – Richard reviewed the financial report and a total of \$11,033.54 in LEPC bank account. Motion and second was made – approved the financial report
  - b. Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – *Chair: Ryan Garza; Vice Chair: Open* – No update.
  - c. Emergency Response and Resource Development – *Chair: Bill Burris; Vice Chair: Rick Villarreal* – No update
  - d. Pipeline Damage Prevention – *Chair: Rob Reyes; Vice Chair: Open (Pipeline rep)* – No update.
- (7) Presentation:** Video: LEPC & Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act was reviewed
- (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.* John Metz talked about upcoming weather patterns for South Texas area and asked if there was an interest in receiving NOAA weather update to contact him. Ryan Garza brought up the Bee County Emergency Management Services has a Mobile Command Center and can be available upon request in the event of a larger emergency situation. One of the Pipeline company attendees made the group aware of a film circulating that was related to “How to blow up a pipeline. He recommended other pipeline groups raise their awareness levels and citizens be vigilant to report any unusual activities to Law Enforcement Agencies.  
Chair noted it was good to have several pipeline and oilfield companies in attendance and appreciated the input they shared during and after the meeting. Looking forward to more Pipeline & oilfield companies to be attending.
- (9) Next Meeting Date:** **June 14, 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00am** start time at EMC office conf. room.
- (10) Motion to Adjourn:** Motion was made and seconded. Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am.am.