

Bee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

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

Members Present: (17)

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| David Cave – LEPC Chair | Ryan Garza - EMC | Rob Reyes – Deputy EMC | Richard Cantu Jr. BPD |
| Robbie Guerrero – B County | Tai Toelken-Skidmore VFD | Mike Willow - TDEM | Logan Streadl – TAHC |
| Brad Read-ConocoPhillips | Michelle Myers – City Beeville | CG Walwyn – CBC | Steve Bachelor – ST ISD |
| Josette Gonzales -Angel Care | Tino Olivares – Commissioner #4 | Jerry Jurach – Targa Res. | Henry Gonzales – NuStar |
| Joaquin Jaimes – HEB dist. EMC | | | |

(1) Call Meeting to order: David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:08 am & attendee introductions.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance: By membership

(3) Acceptance of minutes: Motion to approve by Tai Tolken and was seconded by Rob Reyes – minutes approved

(4) Old Business/New Business:

- Old business:** Discussed importance of members joining subcommittees and chairs scheduling meetings. LEPC committee members approved by-laws last meeting.
- New business:** David Cave announced the creation of the Bee County LEPC website which can be found on the Bee County home page.

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

- Hot Zone Hazmat conference October 19-22, 2023 in Houston. VFDs can apply for CBRAC/Port scholarships for tuition for Hot Zone. Reminder that Texas Forestry Service is now requiring VFDs complete NIMS 100, 200, 700 & 800 online courses to be eligible for grant money VFD Command personnel will need to complete 300 & 400 instructor led courses. TDEM is hosting September 27th a HazMat Transport Pre-Incident Planning workshop at the Ortiz Center for emergency responders.

(6) Standing Subcommittee Reports:

- Finance – Chair:** *Richard Cantu Jr.* reviewed the financial report and a total of \$11,033.54 in LEPC bank account. Motion by Ryan Garza and second was made by Logan Streadl – approved the financial report.
- Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – Chair:** *Ryan Garza* informed the members there had been a soft activation of the EOC due to the Tropical Event that brought in high winds and rains to the area.
- Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chair:** *Rob Reyes* announced he will be sending out email invites to specific LEPC members to attend subcommittee meeting to discuss what topic the team will decide to address i.e. resource development, drills, etc. to meet the committee goals. CG Walwyn asked about pipeline fire call that went out the previous week & Rob had responded to the incident where a contractor had struck a pipeline when digging.
- Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chair:** *Ty Huser;* David Cave announced Ty will also be sending out invites to the Pipeline group to schedule a subcommittee meeting soon. Ty did state that Brad Read, ConocoPhillips, is now the Vice-Chair for the subcommittee and we appreciate him stepping forward to help out.

(7) Presentation: Chief Rocha was not able to attend. David Cave conducted an overview of the LEPC primary responsibilities. Tai Tolken asked if info was available for businesses to shelter-in-place. DC said there was on the new LEPC website.

(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.

- Henry Gonzales (NuStar) reminded everyone there are 800 emergency numbers on pipeline markers in the field. Mike Willow reminded members to sign up to receive County emergency messages. DC reminded members that ALL Tier II facilities are required to attend monthly LEPC meetings.

(9) Next Meeting Date: **October 11, 2023 (2nd Wednesday of the month) 10:00am** start time at EMC office conf. room.

(10) Motion to Adjourn: Ryan Trevino made motion and Mike Willow seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson