

Bee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2023

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

Members Present: (28)

Ryan Garza – BC OEM	David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ty Huser – Skidmore VFD	Tai Toelken-Skidmore VFD
Kevin Buesing – Halliburton	Brann Quintana – Halliburton	Lyle Sanders – Normanna VFD	Robby Guerrero – B County
Iain Woessner -Bee News	Andrea Anderson – Bee News	Henry Munoz – City Beeville	Monica Espinoza - DSHS
Rob Reyes – BC OEM	Julie Willow – LEPC Sec.	Mike Willow - TDEM	Richard Cantu, Jr – Bee PD
Gilbert Perez – Christus Hosp.	Victor Gomez – Exclusive Care	Jared Fulgen – Arguindegui oil	Josh Everett - DPS
Brad Read-ConocoPhillips	Felix Rodriguez – West equip	Tyrell Umphres-Arguindegui oil	Melvin Davis-Startex
Joanne Salge – NC LEPC	Alex Garcia – Red Cross CEO	Tino Olivares – County Commissioner	Jason Galvan - DPS

- (1) **Call Meeting to order:** David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:00 am & attendee introductions. Chair took moment to review primary LEPC goals 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.
- (2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** By membership
- (3) **Acceptance of minutes:** Motion to approve by Alex Garcia and was seconded by Tyrell Umphres – minutes approved
- (4) **Old Business/New Business:**
 - a. Old business: None
 - b. New business: None
- (5) **Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences:** www.coastalbendcan.org – www.preparingtexas.org
 - a. Ryan Garza talked about July 15-16-Active Attacker training in Orange Grove; July 17th-Beeville FD & BISD PD hosting an Electric vehicle fire response training; July 19-20-Active Attacker training at AC Jones school. Monica with DSHS announced full scale exercise training in the Harlingen for Point of Distribution Centers July 24-28th. Ryan Garza reviewed the Bee County mass communication tools CBCAN, Bee County app and IPAWS
- (6) **Standing Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. Finance – *Chair: Richard Cantu Jr.*; Richard reviewed the financial report and a total of \$11,033.54 in LEPC bank account. Motion by Alex Garcia and second was made by Tyrell Umphres – approved the financial report
 - b. Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – *Chair: Ryan Garza*; Ryan reminded members to sign up for I-Info messaging system to receive radio, TV, text, email, & social media alerts.
 - c. Emergency Response and Resource Development – *Chair: Bill Burriss*; No update
 - d. Pipeline Damage Prevention – *Chair: Rob Reyes*; Rob announced he is still looking for members for the subcommittee pipeline attendees to meet with him after meeting.
- (7) **Presentation:** Video on Ammonia transport wreck & vapor chemical release, May 1976, inside city limits of Houston, Texas. Discussed lessons learned from 6 fatalities and 178 injured during this incident.
- (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. It was suggested Bee County LEPC conduct a table top drill to test the existing plan and have after action review to find areas for improvement.
- (9) **Next Meeting Date:** **August 9, 2023 (2nd Wednesday of the month) 10:00am** start time at EMC office conf. room.
- (10) **Motion to Adjourn:** Alex Garcia made motion and Tyrell Umphres seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.