

Bee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

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

Members Present: (26)

David Cave – LEPC Chair	Ryan Garza – Bee OEM	Ty Huser – Skidmore VFD	Robert Rocha – ESC
Brad Read-ConocoPhillips	Mike Willow – TDEM	Jeff Allen – Pettus ISD	Logan Streadl - TAHC
Julie Willow – Secretary	Michael Marquez – DSHS	Monica Espironza – DSHS	CG Walyn – CBC PD
Gabriel Aleman – Angel Care	Frank Dominguez - BDA Exec Dir	Patty Johnson – St Mary Charter	Gwen Kline – Birchwood
Zach Stevenson – TPWD	Gilbert Perez – Christus Health	Cecil Daniels – Bee ISD PD	John Metz – NWS
Kirsten Snodgrass – NWS	Michelle Myers – City Beeville	Lupita Gutierrez – DSHS	Roel Esparza – TFS
Joanne Salge – CC-NC LEPC	Victoria Harrison – CC-NC LEPC		

(1) Call Meeting to order: David Cave called the meeting to order at 10:04 am & attendee introductions.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance: By membership

(3) Acceptance of minutes: Motion to approve by CG Walyn and was seconded by M. Willow – 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. Reminder: LEPC start meeting quarterly in 2024 (Jan.10; April 10; July 10; October 9, 2024; Reminder 2024 dues letter will be going out by end of December to specific companies/businesses.
- b. New business: LEPC Executive Committee met on December 6th to report progress made in 2023 to County Judge & Beeville Mayor.

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

- a. ConocoPhillips gave report on Shareholder meeting/training held in Kenedy office on November 29, 2023.
- b. CC LEPC hosting Safe Digging Workshop Jan.18, 2024, De Mar College West Campus (Open to all).

(6) Standing Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Finance – Chair: Richard Cantu Jr. David Cave presented the financial report and a total of \$9,351.52 in LEPC bank account. Motion by Ryan Garza & Ty Huser seconded – membership approved the financial report.
- b. Risk Awareness, Communications & Planning – Chairs: Ryan Garza. Michelle Myers reported they are working on a meeting with St. Mary Charter school next month to discuss LEPC chemical emergency planning with them. Ryan also stressed the importance of citizens, schools and businesses need to sign up for I-Info/CBCAN to be able to receive messages when there is an emergency within the Bee County area. Reported on school threat hoax.
- c. Emergency Response and Resource Development – Chairs: Rob Reyes. Kevin Buesing reported they working on tour of Halliburton facility & developing team to put on tabletop exercise of NuStar pipeline facility at Tynan.
- d. Pipeline Damage Prevention – Chairs: Ty Huser. Brad Read reported they are reaching out for additional members for their committee and plan to meet in January to discuss next Pipeline site to conduct site visit.

(7) Presentation: Robert Rocha, Chief of Safety/Security for the Area Education Service Center, spoke on importance of having area ISD, Charter and Private school participating in the LEPC organization as well as other businesses. He was also happy to see such as diverse group of attendees that can bring so much to the Bee County LEPC to improve the Safety Planning for chemical emergencies. He also said Bee County LEPC really needed to put in with the State for Commodity Transportation Study.

(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. *CG Walyn is working to improve camera surveillance coverages at the CB College.*

(9) Next Meeting Date: **January 10, 2024 Quarterly meeting to begin (2nd Wednesday of the month) 10:00am**

(10) Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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David Cave – Bee County LEPC Chairperson