



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:10 a.m. by L. Brown.
- Quorum determined by L. Brown
- **Present Voting members:** Arlanxeo, Chevron Phillips, City of Pinehurst, DOW, IRIS, Orange County OEM
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, Red Cross

March 2022 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Jimmy LeBouef; **Second:** Joel Ardoin; **Motion carried.**

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Leon George (absent)

- L. Brown: No expenditures; \$4500 Income; Balance \$47,386.85.
Motion: Elgin Browning; **Second:** Jocelyn Trussell; **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Communications – Leon George (Absent/No report)

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade - Regius Guillory

- The sign on FM 1006 is still faded, and the test sign magnet is not working/laying on ground.
- The light on the left side of the sign on Roundbunch was repaired April 4, 2022 and is operational.
- Adams Bayou not checked.
- Please e-mail all the reports and direct any questions to regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com

CERT - Lori Nash (No Report)

- Still working on getting Training Trainer

Bylaws - Robert Crane (Absent/no report)

Planning/Programs- Stephen Tew (Absent/No report)

- L. Brown: Roger to do National Weather Service in May.

Membership - Elgin Browning

- Working on list of members spreadsheet. If you have any questions about membership, please email elgin@irisrescue.com
- Joel advised Targa Resources was interested in joining LEPC. Elgin will make contact.

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (Absent/No report)

Industry Group- Jerry Ziller (No report)

- *SNCA industry group had a meeting in Orange.*

News/Recent Emergencies

None

Old Business:

- Secretary position filled by Mary Low.
- Meetings resumed in person. Last Zoom meeting is today, April 13, 2022. Joel Ardoin stated a router has been ordered for the LEPC room.

- Contact Jeremy Hansen at jeremy.d.hansen@uscg.mil if you are not on his receiving list for cyber-security notices. Start planning your projects for the Port security grant program. Reach out to Jeremy and discuss if you have a project to propose.
- Regional Disaster Expo held at Ford Park on April 23, 2022.

New Business:

- Taxes-Carolina had investigated whether LEPC had to pay taxes and said LEPC does not have to pay.
- Greg Williams resigning due to retirement and leaves the Co-Chair position vacated. E. Browning will move to Co-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer will then need to be filled. R. Guillory nominated J. Ziller. J. Franks requested more information on the position. Discussion tabled to allow J. Franks to receive more information. J. Ardoin also said he would be interested in position.
- Membership Distribution list needs only two members information-a primary and a secondary. Please send updated information to lepc@co.orange.tx.us.
- L. Brown received a debit card from the bank and requested to update the virus protector, purchase a mouse and the latest Microsoft Office software for the LEPC laptop. No one opposed.
- E. Browning mentioned changing the LEPC meetings to every other month. Currently, Jefferson County, LaPorte, and Baytown all meet every other month. E. Browning made a motion to change meeting schedule to every other odd month. Discussion-J. Franks questioned community involvement with LEPC and how often citizens attended meetings. **Motion:** E. Browning; **Second:** J. Ardoin; **Motion** carried.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- *Industrial Fire Officer Class will be offered during May 2022 by IRIS. Other courses like fire, rescue, and hazmat all have been approved by grant funding. May 2-5, 2022, at the Holiday Inn in Beaumont, IRIS will have lectures. You can sit in everyday, or just one day if wanted. If you have any questions about any of these trainings e-mail elgin@irisrescue.com*
- *Regius-* Wanted to know if LEPC was doing folders again this year for the area elementary schools. E. Browning will talk to the Orangefield Superintendent. Folder ideals include-Shelter in place and Stan 2-1-1. We will look into doing folders again this year.

Presentation: (No presentation)
May – Roger Erickson

Training:

- **Environmental trade Fair Conference on May 10-11, 2022.** Registration opened in January 2022.
- **Regional Disaster Expo on April 23, 2022,** at Ford Park.
- Check www.preparingtexas.org for more training in our area! <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>

Meeting adjourned: motion: L. Brown; **Second:** R. Guillory; **motion** carried.