



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:04 a.m. by L. Brown.
- Quorum determined by L. Brown
- **Present Voting members:** Arlanxeo, Baptist Hospital S.E. Texas, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Pinehurst, City of Vidor, DOW, Jefferson Railport Terminal, Lion Elastomers, Orange County Health, Orange County Emergency Management, Sabine River Authority
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, Ham Radio/CERT, SETRPC, TDEM, Texas GLO

April 2022 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Regius Guillory; **Second:** Jerry Ziller; **Motion carried.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Leon George

Expenditures; \$515.33 Income; \$1500.00 Balance \$48,371.52

Motion: Regius Guillory; **Second:** Jamie East; **Motion carried.**

Presentation: Roger Erickson - National Weather Service

Presented a slideshow explaining the National Weather Service's weather briefings and the forecast models during storms.

Committee Reports:

Communications – Leon George - No report

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade - Regius Guillory

- The sign on FM 1006 is still faded. Working on getting quotes to get it repaired.
- No contact from Invista.
- **Please e-mail all the reports and direct any questions to regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com**

CERT - Lori Nash - No Report

Bylaws - Robert Crane (Absent/no report)

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

- R. Guillory: Discussion on folders for Orange County Elementary schools and to get prices from the company used last year. **Motion:** Regius Guillory motioned to move forward with folders if the price is the same as last year plus up to a 5% increase in cost.
Second: Joel Ardoin **Motion carried.**

Membership - Elgin Browning (Absent/No report)

- Joel advised Targa Resources was joining LEPC and he would be meeting with Delco Industries later today.

Public Health - Liz Smith

- No Covid cases in schools.
- Some GI cases and stomach bugs.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller (No report)

- *SNCA industry group will meet at Dow 6/29*

News/Recent Emergencies

None

Old Business:

- **Environmental Trade Fair Conference on May 10-11, 2022.** Registration opened in January 2022. No discussion.
- Elgin Browning will stay Secretary with the resignation of Mike Hennigan and Joel Ardoin is Co-Chair due to a filing error in the TDEM 151 form. Without any objection, this will stand until the election in November.
- Meetings have been changed from monthly meetings to every other month(odd) beginning in May. New date schedules were emailed to member/non-member list on file.
- Taxes-Carolina had investigated whether LEPC had to pay taxes and said LEPC does not have to pay. However, this is something has needs to be investigated further for filing purposes. Mary was unable to locate EIN number on IRS website. Joel Ardoin will investigate further.
- As previously discussed, LEPC plans to do 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.

New Business:

- Jeremy Hansen announced that this will be his last monthly meeting representing the United States Coast Guard. He has taken a position with the DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency as a regional Protective Security Advisor out of Houston. Jeremy's new position will continue to provide support for Southeast Texas so look for his email on the Port Security Grant, there will be a 30-day grant timeline.
- Conrad Shipbuilding requested to be removed from membership list.
- Past due membership (18) invoices emailed out May 1, 2022.
- Cops and Kids at Claiborne Park on June 10, 2022. LEPC participated last year with Vidor and will be participating again this year. So, if anyone can spare a couple of hours, please come out and help.
- Potential overpayment of membership fee to be possibly refunded by Entergy Transfer (Bayou Bridge Pipeline). Bayou Bridge sent in two separate checks off different accounts. Unsure if it was for different pipelines. Mary has been unable to reach anyone at the phone number on the check stub. An email has been sent also. Chem 32 has overpaid as well, and a refund check has been written and will be placed in the mail.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- Regius Guillory wanted to know if during a disaster, LEPC would still utilize the LEPC room for the 10 and 4 conference calls with the National Weather Service and how the information would get out to the group. Mary will send emails out to the group.
- Kaylan Arendale with SETRPC stated there will be drill in July with STAN (Southeast Texas Alerting Network). STAN is powered by Blackboard Connect. As of April 2022, local industry can post outreach and emergency notifications to the STAN website through an RSS feed. If an industry incident warrants public notification, industry personnel should contact their local EMC and the EMC will push a notification out to the public. We encourage the public to register through thestan.com to receive alerts via phone calls, text, and/or emails. Pat Grimes is working with Stan and will train with industry. Contact SETRPC at (409)924-7513.
- Regius Guillory inquired if industry was going to be allowed to stay in the LEPC room during disasters as before. Jerry Ziller will handle getting the numbers from each organization and lining out the room.

Training:

- Check www.preparingtexas.org for more training in our area! <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>
- **Registration is open for the Texas Emergency Management Conference on May 31 – June 3, 2022, at The Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio**
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/conference>

Meeting adjourned: motion: Leon George; Second: David Husley: motion carried.