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**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022**

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:01 a.m. by Leon George
- Quorum determined by Leon George
- No Executive Board Member to conduct meeting determined by Leon George

Present Voting members: Arlanxeo, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Colonial Pipeline, Dow, Energy Transfer, Invista, Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Health, Orange County Emergency Management

Present non-voting members: CERT, CISA, National Weather Service, TDEM, Texas GLO

September 2022 meeting minutes approval:

As there was not an executive board present, voting on approval of minutes of September 2022 meeting minutes was tabled for the time being.

Approval of September, October, November, and December's Treasurer's Report:

As there was not an executive board present, voting on approval of treasurer's report of September, October, November, and December 2022 reports were tabled for the time being.

Committee Reports:

Communications – Leon George – SETRP (contact Steve Curran) will be hosting a Focus Group meeting on January 12, 2022, at 9am – 12pm for Blackboard Connect.

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade - Regius Guillory – Sign on Roundbunch missed in December. The sign on Highway 87 has been losing contact at least once a week. Regius will contact the vendor to come look at it. There was discussion surrounding the new construction.

CERT - Lori Nash –No Report

Bylaws - Robert Crane – Absent

Planning/Programs - Stephen Tew – Absent

Membership - Elgin Browning – Absent

Public Health – Sandee White-There were 198 confirmed COVID cases, possibly due to the holiday gatherings. Flu cases are down. RSV is high in our area.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller – No Report

Old Business:

No discussion

New Business:

- 2023 Proposed Budget not discussed due to no executive board.
- 2023 Membership Fees not discussed due to no executive board.

Presentation:

No presentation.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- Request was made for Mary to send out meeting invitation to members on Outlook and then also send out reminders prior to meeting.
- Request was made to look at changing the By-Laws to state the Executive Board (any member) can run the meetings. January's meeting is the second meeting in a roll without either a quorum or Executive Board.
- Poll taken for Virtual meetings, In-person meetings, and/or both. Nine members voted for Virtual and in-person meetings.
- Regius suggested an electronic vote for election of the Secretary/Treasurer position. Currently, Jeremy Carlock with Dow is the only person showing interest in the position. However, we should see if anyone else is interested.
- Doug Cramer with the National Weather Service is new to the position of Warning Coordination Meteorologist. He replaced Roger Erickson when he was promoted to Meteorologist-in-Charge. Doug will be attending the meetings to network with members. The National Weather Service will be Geo-coding data, so he will be trying to collect members' information.
- Regius stated that Safety Week is in April and would like to have a speaker. Ziller will get information to him.
- Regius would like to see LEPC participate as a vendor at the Elite Bass Master Tournament on June 1st- 4th with possible booth and prize drawing(s). It is a four-day event, and we would need to set up groups to work the event.
- Discussion about budget and setting aside funds for scholarships, training, and/or assist the community.
- Michael Arnett is the Protective Security Advisor with CSIA. He will be representing them at the meetings. CSIA is a great avenue to protect the community and critical infrastructures in Southeast Texas.

News/Recent Emergencies

No reports

Training:

- **Debris Management Course in League City on March 6-10, 2023 (see preparingtexas.org)**
- **TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference on May 16-17, 2023, at the Austin Convention Center**
- **Texas Emergency Management Conference on May 30 – June 2, 2023, at the Fort Worth Convention Center**
- **Check www.preparingtexas.org for more training in our area**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM