



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:00 a.m. by Elgin Browning.
- Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
- **Present Voting members:** Acadian, Arlanxeo, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Colonial Pipeline, Dow, Industrial Rescue, Invista, Orange County EDS #2, Orange County Emergency Management, Orange County Drainage District, Shell Pipeline, Solvay
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, Ham Radio, Orange County Public Health, Red Cross, TCEQ, TDEM

Presentation:

- Doug Cramer from the National Weather Service presented on the 2023 Hurricane season.
- Kenneth Blancho with Burns McDonnell presented the traffic plan on Highway 87 with the new construction. PowerPoint is attached.

March 2023 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Jerry Ziller; **Second:** David Husley; **Motion carried.**

Approval of March 2023 and April 2023 Treasurer’s Report: Joel Ardoin

Expenditures; \$1,589.55 Income; \$2,000 Balance \$49,259.47

Motion: David Husley; **Second:** Jerry Ziller; **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Communications – Leon George - Absent

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade - Regius Guillory – Absent

Please e-mail all the reports and direct any questions to regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com

CERT – Lori Waldrum – Working with TDEM to get classes.

Bylaws – Robert Crane – No report.

Planning/Programs - Stephen Tew - Absent

Membership - Elgin Browning – No report.

Public Health – Sandee White
26 active COVID cases.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller – will have a representative from Union Pacific at the July meeting to discuss rail traffic.

Old Business:

- Evote was sent out to amend By-Laws, elect Secretary/Treasurer and adopt the 2023 Budget.
- The Executive Board made a unanimous decision to prepay for Walraven’s contract renewal in the amount of \$7,792.04.
- QuickBook desktop is being discontinued. Online Expense is \$330/year (\$27.50 will be automatically drafted monthly)

- Liz Smith and Tommy Byers with Orange County Health will be sponsored to attend the TDEM conference.

New Business:

- Membership due structure tabled.
- Cops and Kids is scheduled for June 9th. Joel Ardoin is checking with Ashbritt to obtain coloring books to pass out. Volunteers are needed.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- Caci Groom with TDEM advised that the workshops for the Emergency Management conference are now available on the TDEM website.
- Bill Martin with Colonial Pipeline stated he would donate a raffle prize if we set up a booth at the Bass Masters tournament June 1st - 4th. J. Natalie Warren with Red Cross stated they would have a table there and if needed, we could join them. Joel Ardoin will check with Elgin and see how to proceed.

News/Recent Emergencies

No reports

Training:

- Check www.preparingtexas.org for more training in our area! <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>
- TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference on May 16-17, 2023, in Austin.
- TDEM Emergency Management Conference on May 30-June 2, 2023 in Fort Worth.
- TEEX Municipal School July 23-28, 2023.
- TEEX Industrial Fire School July 16-21, 2023.

Meeting adjourned: motion: Jerry Ziller; **Second:** David Husley; **motion carried.**