



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2024

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:07 a.m. by Elgin Browning
Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
Present Voting members: Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Dow, Golden Triangle Polymers, Industrial Rescue, Lion Elastomers, Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Emergency Management, Sabine River Authority, Syensqo
Present non-voting members: CERT, Ham Radio/CERT, Orange County Health, SETRPC, Union Pacific, U.S. Coast Guard, Veolia

March 2024 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: David Hulsey; Second: Stephen Tew; Motion carried.

Approval of March and April Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$5,872.13 Income; \$3,000.00 Balance \$50,649.95.
Motion: Eddie Burleigh; Second: David Hulsey; Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications - L. George (not present) - No Report

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade - Regius Guillory
Two signs having battery issues should have batteries installed this week. The sign near Dow training center is anticipated to be repaired by Friday. However, Regius Guillory will follow-up if not complete within the next two weeks.

CERT- Lori Nash
CERT has received a grant. Leon George has the information and was not in attendance.

Bylaws- Robert Crane (not present) - No Report

Planning/Programs- Stephen Tew
Still working on programs.

Membership- Elgin Browning
Contact has been and is currently being made with prospective members. Members are asked to update membership information with Mary if there have been any changes. Elgin Browning will reach out to LCMISD about membership. Eddie Burleigh will check with Christus for good contact information.

Public Health- Sandee White
Increase in COVID numbers across the State even though reporting is not required. Numerous cases of Measles and Rubella has been reported across the State, with the majority being under and unvaccinated individuals. Monkeypox has been reported in Harris County and other more populated regions. Immunization Clinic in Orange County is coming to fruition with storage refrigeration and freezers in place at Orange County Health Services with the emergency refrigeration/freezer on generator backup at the EXPO. Lastly, Back to School Orange County will be held August 3rd at Lamar State College-Orange-see attached flyer for information.

Industry Group- Jerry Ziller - No Report

TDEM – No representation at this time.

News/Recent Emergencies

Entergy is working on getting electricity restored from Hurricane Beryl. Orange County had approximately 8,600 outages and that number was down to about 2,000 this morning. No homes reported taking on any water. Receive approximately 3-5 feet of water and no tornados. Sabine River Authority reported lake currently at 170.9 ft. and both generators are running. Gates are not open currently.

Old Business:

- Southeast Texas Disaster Expo was held Saturday, May 11th at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center with approximately 300-400 people in attendance.
- Cops-N-Kids was on June 7th. Thanks to everyone who worked at the booth.
- Promotional items purchased for Cops-N-Kids.
- Promotional budget will need to be amended. Elementary folders purchased at the end of the year will exceed the current budget amount.

New Business:

- Elgin Browning proposed to increase the current promotional budget to purchase a tent and promotional supplies. Jeremy Carlock discussed the current budget and where funds could be transferred from. A motion was made to add \$8972 to the current promotional budget.

Motion: Regius Guillory; **Second:** Stephen Tew; **Motion carried.**

Presentation:

Richard Zientek, Mary Lincer and Michael Everhart with Union Pacific gave an overview of Union Pacific along with their dedication to safety and service, the operations, and the training. Presentation is attached.

Announcements/Additional comments:

Kaylan Arendale with SETRPC encouraged individuals to register for STAN or update STAN records. STAN is linked to the weather service now and thousands of messages were sent out recently due to Hurricane Beryl.

Training:

- Check www.preparingtexas.org for more training in our area <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>
- AWR 934-V2 & V15 Mass Casualty Course scheduled for 7/31/2024 Virtual.

Meeting adjourned: Motion: Regius Guillory; **Second:** Payton Smith; **Motion carried.**