



**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2024**

**Welcome & Self-Introductions**

- Meeting Started at 9:05 a.m. by Joel Ardoin
- Quorum determined by Joel Ardoin
- **Present Voting members:** Acadian, Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Colonial Pipeline, DOW, Golden Triangle Polymers, Orange County ESD #2, Orange County Emergency Management, Orion Engineered Carbons, Syensqo
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, Christus Orange, Ham Radio/CERT, Orange County Health, Orangefield ISD, SETRPC, TCEQ, Texas GLO, US Coast Guard, Veolia WTS

**January 2024 meeting minutes approval:**

**Motion:** Stephen Tew; **Second:** Jerry Ziller; **Motion carried.**

**Approval of January and February Treasurer’s Report** – Leon George

Expenditures: \$1985.53      Income: \$12,000.00      Ending Balance: \$54,830.75

**Motion:** Eddie Burleigh; **Second:** David Hulsey; **Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – Leon George (not present) - No report

**Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade** - Regius Guillory

- Two signs are currently out, possibly the battery.
- Damage on the sign at FM 1007 & Hwy 87.
- Discussion on time frame for lights to be installed at and around GTP.
- **Please e-mail all the reports and direct any questions to [regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com](mailto:regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com)**

**CERT** - Lori Nash

- Grant in process with SETRPC. Grant has been submitted and awaiting review.

**Bylaws** - Robert Crane (not present) – No report

**Planning/Programs** - Stephen Tew (not present) – No report

**Membership** - Elgin Browning (not present) – No report

**Public Health** – Sandy White

- 41 new COVID cases this week, 108 active.
- New guidelines suggest after 24 hours of fever free, one can return to work with precautions.
- DSHS has now combined weekly reports for flu, RSV and COVID into one report titled the Texas Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report.

**Industry Group** - Jerry Ziller

- Will be reaching out to the Industry Group in the next few months to began organizing LEPC room for Hurricane sheltering.

**TDEM** – Caci Groom –

- Just returned from the Panhandle. TDEM is working more with TEEX and Agrilife.
- Recovery and Mitigation office is now local in Beaumont.

- Asked for members to register for the AWR 940 Surveillance Detection Course if interested. They are needing registrants in order to make the class to avoid it being cancelled.

### **Old Business:**

- 2024 Budget Adopted.
- 2024 Membership invoices sent in December. Reminder email sent out in February.

### **New Business:**

- Invista sent notice advising both Butadiene and Hydrogen Cyanide have been removed from the Site.
- Tier II reports are being sent in. All the reports will be placed on a drive and given to the Chairperson or a designee to review.
- Sponsorship for two members to attend the Texas Emergency Management Conference in May including registration, hotel and per diem.  
**Motion:** Regius Guillory; **Second:** Jerry Ziller; **Motion carried.**
- Sponsorship for the Planning Section Chief Course in July is \$800 for LEPC's contribution.  
**Motion:** Joshua Taylor; **Second:** Eddie Burleigh; **Motion carried.**
- Regius asked if we had promotional items for events. Mary Low and Lori Waldrum are in the process of ordering items. Kaylan with SETRPC has STAN flyers available.
- The Disaster Expo will be in Orange this year on May 11<sup>th</sup> and we need volunteers to man the booth.

### **Presentation:**

Status update and future timelines with GTP/Chevron Phillips presented by Beau Beckham and Bobby Wiley (see attached).

Discussion on providing the public with traffic information. Kaylan Arendale (SETRPC) suggested using STAN or Facebook. David Hulsey mentioned the website was incorrect. Joshua Taylor (Orange Co. ESD #2) advised that the neighborhood of Victory Gardens did not have any hydrants so from an emergency standpoint it is vital to know when traffic is at a standstill or backed up. Michael Hiatt (US Coast Guard) asked why movement was during peak hours. Bobby Wiley stated that the decision was made by TXDOT. Bobby Wiley advised that on the emergency side of the project, the equipment and trucks will be arriving in January 2027.

### **Announcements/Additional comments:**

None reported.

### **News/Recent Emergencies**

None reported.

### **Training:**

- Check [www.preparingtexas.org](https://www.preparingtexas.org) for more training in our area! <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>
- AWR 940 Surveillance Detection Course scheduled for 3/21/2024 at the Beaumont EOC and Virtual.
- AWR 167 – Sports and Event Risk Management scheduled for 4/16/2024-4/17/2024 at LIT and Eagle's Nest.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Response Training School scheduled for 5/6/2024-5/9/2024 at Industrial Rescue.
- Planning Section Chief Course scheduled for 6/25/2024-6/28/2024 at Beaumont EOC.
- AWR 934-V2 & V15 Mass Casualty Course scheduled for 7/31/2024 Virtual.

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.**

**Motion:** Stephen Tew; **Second:** Jerry Ziller; **Motion carried.**