

# BEXAR COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for February 13, 2015

## **OPENING:**

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. by the LEPC Chair Harold Lovejoy. It was announced that there was a quorum. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

### **II. Attendance:**

See attached list.

### **III. Citizens to be heard:**

None.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 9, 2015 meeting were distributed to attendees. Walt Daugherty made a motion to accept the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Charlie Metzger. Motion was approved.

### **V. Financial Report:**

John Hageman provided the information on the financial statement that he created as of January 24, 2015. Two checks were written for HotZone training reimbursement for a total of \$3,221.76. No other expenses over last month, and interest income of \$25.27. The current balance is \$38,246.81. A copy of the full financial report was emailed out and is attached.

### **VI. Old Business:**

Elections this month are for positions of Chair and Treasurer for a two year term. There are two nominations provided to the committee, one for each position. Harold Lovejoy has been nominated for reelection to position of Chair, and John Hageman has been nominated for reelection to position of Treasurer. No other nominations were given during the meeting. Walt Daugherty made a motion to approve by acclamation the election of the positions, and the motion was seconded by Kyle Coleman. The motion passed unanimously, and Harold Lovejoy and John Hageman were reelected.

## VII. Committee Reports:

- a. HazMat Watchdog Committee: (Mike Parsons, William Johnston, Patrick Lewis, Emily Thompson, Ronnie Hernandez, Johnathan Jones, Charlie Metzger)

William Johnston, BCOEM, noted that there was a fuel leak from a punctured saddle tank. A crank shaft on a commercial truck came off and hit a connector hose tearing a hole in the recently filled fuel tank. Incident occurred in SE Bexar County, and BCOEM responded with one of their spill response trailers and contained the fuel. Remediation of the site took hours due to lack of the responsible company having a hazmat contract in place.

Kyle Coleman, Bexar County, advised on an incident in Kirby where Texas Towing lost an 18-wheeler wrecker. Something shorted out in the truck causing it to burn up, releasing a lot of hydraulic fluid in the street and the contents of the fuel tanks burning down. The wrecker may have held about 60 gallons of hydraulic oil that had to be contained in the street.

Mike Parsons, SAFD Hazmat, noted that there had been about 17 different hazmat runs over the past month. Mostly consisting of suspicious packages and diesel spills.

On January 21, 2015 there was a suspicious package left at a park off of De Zavala near a park trail. Park police found a bag that had Islamic writing on it with multiple jars of liquid inside. Turned out to be harmless food products left out in belief of creating good health.

There was a call about tanks left at a pawn shop near Perrin Beitel. The tanks turned out to be from a water softener.

On February 5, 2015 there was a sewage leak in Kirby. A manhole overflowed due to blockage in the main, and flow headed towards creek. Blockage was cleared and service restored.

On February 2, 2015 there was a spill at a gas station located on Somerset Road. Diesel had flowed to the road, and property owners were not acting to remediate spill. Property owners were informed that TCEQ would be called.

Abe Gallogos, CPS, advised on January 12, 2015 there was a 1,500-gallon fuel oil spill at the Calaveras Power Plant. The spill from the system that provides fuel oil to the gas unit was over pressurized and lost oil through the pressure relief system. Most of the spilled fuel oil was captured in a concrete containment. Approximately 5-gallons reached the discharge canal and the hot pond, where an eddy current kept most of the fuel oil close enough to recapture it with absorbents.

Ronnie Hernandez, SARA, advised on an incident that happened in Wilson County where an overturned tractor trailer lost its load of approximately 180 barrels of crude oil in Stockdale. The crude oil flowed to a dry creek bed, so that creek bed and surrounding soil was remediated.

Charlie Metzger, Bexar County, advised on a spill that occurred along Hwy 80. Approximately 8,500-gallons of naphtha was lost on the side of the road from a truck.

- b. Training Committee: (Walt Daugherty, Patrick Lewis, William Johnston, Stan Moczgmba)

Walt Daugherty mentioned that he has put in the request to Bexar Metro 911 for up to \$16,000 for A&M training and he has not heard back from them yet. Walt encourages and recommends that anyone interested in the A&M training program, send in their request letters.

- c. Facility Operator Liaison Committee (RMP/Tier II): (Greg Batts, Willie Davis, Frank Salinas, Lynn Lindsay, Abe Gallogos, William Johnston, Steve Diaz, Joe Thaxton)

Hal Lovejoy noted that Tier II reports are coming in.

- d. Exercise Committee: (Henry King, Roger Pollock, Paul Tarter, Willie Davis)

Michael Broeker, JBSA, stated that the January 16, 2015 JBSA accident response tabletop exercise with the City of Seguin and Guadalupe County at Fort Sam Houston and the February 5, 2015 full scale off-base aircraft crash exercise at the Seguin auxiliary airfield went pretty well. Some of the feedback from the in-house JBSA public affairs was that the over-all exercise went great, however, JBSA needs to remember that the military community needs to communicate more efficiently with the civilian world.

Next JBSA exercise is in May and will be a natural disaster exercise.

Charlie Metzger, stated that on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, Bexar County had an exercise with the Middle Rio Grande Valley folks to test capabilities of getting information back and forth from the border to San Antonio and to Austin.

- e. Membership Committee: (Greg Batts, Willie Davis, Kyle Coleman)

There was discussion among the committee members about the difficulties of finding a media related member. Potentially an ethics issue.

A comment was made to reach out to Big-Box stores to seek additional membership.

f. LEPC Website: (Tracy Marlow Chair)

None.

g. THIRA Annex Q: (Jeff Dean Chair)

None.

h. Community Outreach Committee: (Frank Salinas, Chair)

None.

**VIII. New Business:**

John Hageman commented that it's time for the annual review of the 2014 records, and Willie Davis has volunteered to look over the paperwork.

**IX. Announcements:**

Walt Daugherty mentioned that after watching some recent videos concerning ethanol fires and the difficulty with extinguishing the fire, he would like to update the inventory, created approx. 4 years ago, of AR-AFFF foam. Please send any information to Walt at [vicechair.bexarcountylepc@gmail.com](mailto:vicechair.bexarcountylepc@gmail.com)

Randy Grimes announced on behalf of Flint Hills Resources, a donation in the amount of \$2600 to the Bexar County LEPC.

Kyle Coleman, Bexar County, announced that there will a lot of training coming up at the EOC. Find classes and register through the TDEM website, [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)

**X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Southwest Research Institute (SWRI) starting at 10:00 a.m.