



Fort Bend County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting April 18, 2024

Minutes: 4.18.2024

LOCATION

Fort Bend County EOC - 307 Fort Street Richmond, Tx 77469

ATTENDEES:

LEPC Members:

Shenae Mericle - FBC HS&EM
Frank Garza - FBC HS&EM
Greg Babst – FBC HS&EM
Shane Kelley – Champion X
Romonica Mullins – Tx Dept CJ
Kip Hilgers – FBC HazMat

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 18, 2024, minutes were approved by a motion from Frank Garza, seconded by Shenae Mericle. The February meeting was not held because offices were closed due to severe weather in the area.

OPENING:

Greg Babst, President of FBC LEPC, brought the meeting into order at 2:31 p.m. Greg reminded everyone to sign or update the LEPC roster. There were no minutes to approve for last month's meeting, as it was canceled. This was our second virtual and in-live meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: Shenae Mericle has reported the current account(s) are as follows:

As of 4.18.2024

SAVINGS: \$2,692.13

CHECKING: \$48.34

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Speaking on the Commodity study, the railway runs through Fort Bend county and any chemicals they might be transporting. This is a grant that the FBC LEPC has received on the commodity flow study. Our liaison has moved but is still working on this and is waiting for more information from the railroad to assemble this study.

HAZMAT – Hazmat personnel was available, reporting that they had numerous gas leak calls and one chemical spill call. They aided in a mulch fire call monitoring air and water quality, and multiple chemical calls were found to be unfounded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the completed new social media webpage

Review of donations tab, electronically, via social media page

Discussion of By-laws listed

Discussion of online memberships electronically

Greg asked for a motion to move meetings from monthly to quarterly for greater participation. Kip Hilgers made the motion with a second motion from Shane Kelley.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greg reminded members that the TIER II reports can now be submitted electronically, in addition to being mailed.

Greg Babst asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 2:50 pm Frank Garza made the motion to adjourn, with Kip Hilgers seconding the motion.

Recorder of Minutes: Shenae Mericle

Next Meeting: July 18, 2024

LEPC meetings will now be held quarterly, on the third Thursday of every third month, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. They are held in person at the FBC EOC and are now offered virtually via MS Teams.