

Brazoria County Emergency Planning Committee

February 16, 2016

Opening

Randy Dillman called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m., self-introductions were made. Randy thanked Ben Westerlin for chairing the January meeting and the Sherriff's Office for providing lunch and the meeting room. He reminded everyone to sign in. Randy requested a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as written. Ben Westerlin moved to accept and Robert Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and January meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Treasure Report

Ben Westerlin reported that there were discrepancies found in the account. Ben is researching these discrepancies and will report back.

Committee Reports:

Right to Know Committee

No report.

Public Information

Sharon Trower reported that the first PIO meeting was held on January 23. If you have a PIO that you would like to include in these meetings contact Sharon at sharont@brazoria-county.com. At this time the March meeting is being planned.

Hazmat / Liaison Committee

No report.

Emergency Response & Resources

No report.

Reportable Spills / Releases

Glenn Lamont gave an update on the reportable spills and releases that were submitted for January and February to date. If you have any questions on these reports contact Glenn Lamont at glennl@brazoria-county.com

Training

Garner Environmental is gauging interests on creating an on-line database that shows available slots in various training classes. This could be a great benefit for some of the smaller companies that do not have a need for a large class. If you are interested in this please contact Chris Nowlin at cnowlin@garner-es.com.

Please view the attached link for information on the Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Pipeline Safety Program that will be held on March 10, at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. http://tx.pipeline-awareness.com/meeting_schedule&sort=location

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New Business

During the March 15 meeting a vote will be held for the positions of Vice Chairperson and back-up Secretary due to vacancies. Please send your nominations to Karen Schulze at karen.schulze@basf.com and/or Randy Dillman at randal.dillman@ineos.com by March 10.

Steve Rosa reported on the Freedom of Information Act that allows sources, such as newspapers, news agencies, public citizens, etc. to request a list of meeting minutes and membership list for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A request was made recently by The Chronicle, for a membership list of the Brazoria County Emergency Planning Committee. This list has been given to The Chronicle.

Randy requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Smith motioned to adjourn and Ben Westerlin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Recorder: Karen Schulze

Next meeting: March 15, 2016 – Brazosport Regional Hospital