

Brazoria County Emergency Planning Committee

April 19, 2016

Opening

Robert Smith called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m., self-introductions were made. Robert thanked the Sheriff's Office for providing lunch and the meeting room. He reminded everyone to sign in. Robert requested a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as written. Matt Schaar requested changes be made to the Emergency Response and Resources information that was recorded in the March minutes. He will send the corrected information to Karen and minutes will be revised. Glenn LaMont motioned to accept minutes as amended and Russ Wilson seconded the motion.

Treasure Report

Discussion was held regarding the existing bank account. At this time there is a balance of \$1630.51 in the account. Later this week Ben Westerlin, Glenn LaMont, Robert Smith and possibly Matt Schaar will meet at the BBVA Compass Bank to transfer signature authority from Ben to Glenn and one of the other members who meet at the bank.

The team that was created during the March meeting (see Treasurer Report section of March 15 minutes) will be held before the May 17 LEPC meeting. They will discuss our options regarding Compass Bank as far as either closing out the account, transferring to a "free" account that does not charge monthly service fees, or moving to another bank. Glenn will also research what the Brazoria County LEPC needs to do to become a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. This team will bring their findings to the May LEPC meeting for further discussion.

Committee Reports:

Right to Know Committee

Robert Smith reported that the committee is in the process of developing a form to put on the Brazoria County web site for organizations to request records from the Brazoria County LEPC. This form needs some modification before it is launched.

Public Information

No report.

Hazmat / Liaison Committee

No report.

Emergency Response & Resources

Matt Schaar requested volunteers to participate in this committee. Need participants that are interested in looking at training opportunities between industry and emergency/1st responders.

Russ Wilson reported that there are grants and training opportunities available for first responders to work with industry.

Reportable Spills / Releases

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

Training

TCC EHS Seminar will be held June 6 – 9 at Moody Gardens. Register before May 4 for discounted rates. I have attached the registration link below.

<http://ehs-seminar.com/attendee-registration>

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New Business

Robert Smith clarified that the official name of the group is Brazoria County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). We will no longer use Brazoria County Emergency Planning Committee (BCEPC).

Jason McLaren requested that when companies mail Contingency Plans to the hospital to please address them to the Safety Officer at CHI St. Luke's Brazosport. This will help ensure they are delivered to the appropriate person.

Phyllis Rayner reported that there have been multiple car accidents and fatality accidents occurring in the areas of FM 2004 and FM 2917. These accidents are happening between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. during shift change at the plants. Please drive safe – slow down, don't text, pay attention, etc.

Robert requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. R. Mook motioned to adjourn and Matt Schaar seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Recorder: Karen Schulze

Next meeting: May 17, 2016 – Brazoria County Sheriff's Office