

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) For Ellis County

April 04, 2023

10:30 to 11:30 AM

Ellis County Historic Courthouse

Commissioners Court Room

101 West Main Street

Waxahachie, TX 75165

MINUTES

Tommy Jackson, LEPC Chairman, called the Quarterly Meeting of the Ellis County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to order at 10:30 A.M. on April 04, 2023, in the Ellis County Historic Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 101 West Main Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tommy Jackson, LEPC Chairman conducted Introductions and Welcoming, asking each attendee to introduce themselves. There were 18 personnel (including the Speaker) in attendance at the LEPC Meeting. The Attendance Roster is attached below.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (January 10, 2023).

William Stetson, LEPC Vice-Chairman, presented the LEPC Minutes from the January 10, 2023, LEPC Meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were accepted as printed by the attending LEPC Members.

3. Chair, Tommy Jackson: Nomination and Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer.

Nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer were discussed and presented to the attending LEPC Members. There were no additional nominations from the floor by the attendees. Tommy Jackson and William Stetson consented to continue in their current positions, Hugh Grandstaff was recommended to continue in the Secretary/Treasurer position (Hugh was not in attendance at the time of this procedure, He agreed to fill the position once he arrived at the meeting). Motions for approval of the Officers from the attendees were accepted: A verbal vote by attendees to approve the new term of April 1, 2023 to March 30, 2025 (2-year term) (Article III: Officers, Section 3, Ellis County By-Laws, October 18, 2016, Page 5) was approved by the attendees. TDEM Form 151, Emergency Planning Committee Membership Update form will be submitted to the next Commissioners Court for Approval.

4. Annual posting of Public Notice – Access to SARA Tier II Reports.

Ralph Mulvany, Ellis County OEM, briefed the group on the posting and publishing of the Access to SARA TIER II Right-to-Know in the local newspaper. This is an annual requirement per law. (United States Code, 2011 Edition, Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Chapter 116- Emergency Planning and Communication Right-To-Know, Subchapter III – 11044.

5. TIER II Report Status.

Ralph Mulvany, Ellis County OEM, briefed the group on the current status of the Ellis County TIER II Report Status. To date: Reports submitted to TCEQ, through the STEERS Report application is 221 reports from organizations in Ellis County. Reports received in the Ellis County Emergency Management Office is 107. The missing reports will be pulled from the STEERS Application.

6. Chair, Tommy Jackson: Introduction of Guest Speaker, David Gonyea, Jr..

Mr. Gonyea serves as an Inspector, responsible for upholding and enforcing the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulation. Mr. Gonyea is responsible for managing and coordinating activities pertaining to agency outreach, compliance assistance visits, inspections, and response to Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR) of regulated high-risk chemical facilities. Mr. Gonyea has served in this role for Region 5 and Region 6 since February 2010. Mr. Gonyea's experience includes previous work with the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring after 20 years of service, and as a security and safety consultant.

7. Guest Speaker - David Gonyea, Senior Chemical Security Inspector, Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Below are some key takeaways from Mr. Gonyea's presentation:

- CHEMLOCK Security Program is a program that helps organizations to lock into their security posture.
- Mr Gonyea's team can assist organizations by doing
 - Chemical Assessments
 - Exercises and Drills
- The Assessment help an organization to determine:
 - What is our organization's chemical security posture?
 - Which of our chemicals pose a potential security risk?
 - Does our current security posture make sense for the risks we face?
 - What are industry best practices to mitigate existing or potential risks?
 - What is our organization's security plan?

- Offers training on
 - General Chemical Security Awareness
 - Chemical Security Planning for Facilities
- To sign up for CHEMLOCK Services please see the attached sheet.
- For more assistance Mr. Gonyea can be reached at 202-329-0849 or david.gonyea@cisa.dhs.gov.

8. Closing Remarks/Questions

- If you are interested in doing a presentation at the next LEPC Meeting, please contact Tommy Jackson at tjaxon51@gmail.com or the Ellis County Office of Emergency Management at 972-825-5199 or emc@co.ellis.tx.us.
- We are open to organizations accepting the opportunity to host and present a presentation to the LEPC at your facility. If you are interested, please contact Tommy Jackson at tjaxon51@gmail.com or the Ellis County Office of Emergency Management at 972-825-5199 or emc@co.ellis.tx.us.
- Midlothian will be conducting a City of Midlothian Magellan Pipeline Emergency Tablet Top Exercise on April 18, 2023, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Midlothian Conference Center, Bluebonnet Room, 1 Community Circle Drive, Midlothian, Texas 76065. Registration is required. Please contact Tonya Hunter, Midlothian Emergency Management Coordinator for more if you have any questions. Tonya can be reached at: Office: 972-775-7621 or Email: tonya.hunter@midlothian.tx.us.

9. Next Meeting: July 11, 2023, Ellis County Historic Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 101 West Main Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165



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Minutes - 01.10.202:



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