

Minutes of the Potter & Randall County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: December 13, 2007

Location: Operations, 1900 Line Ave

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

Members Present:

Rusty Dillon	Deree Duke	Randy Smith	Pat Donovan
Laura Blount	David Lorenz	Walt Kelley	Duane Rosa
Lee Drury			

Organizational Members Present:

Rick Blandford (AFD)	Rodney Clark (APD)	Pierce Pillon (Tech Spray)
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Members at Large Present

Guy Wilkins (TCEQ) Scott Johnson (RCFD)

Members Not Present:

Tony Hopkins	Ernie Houdashell	Cole Camp	Walt Howard
Nancy McKinney	Susan Schnelle	Theresa West	Linda Kelley
Jay Sandridge	Alphonso Vaughn	Jordan Coulson	Wayne Hardin
Mike Kelley (CFD)	Richard Lake (PCFD)	Mike Taylor (TxDOT)	
David Thurman (RCSO)	Charlie Rivas (Rivas Environmental)		
David Garcia (El Paso Natural Gas)			

Interested People Present

Chris Pape, Groendyke
Jarred Dunavin, TCEQ
Kevin Starbuck, Office of Emergency Management
Joe Greene, Jack B. Kelley, Inc.
Ruth Calderon, Tech Spray

The meeting was called to order by Walt Kelley, LEPC Chairman.

Item 1: The Chairman, Walt Kelley, asked for a motion that the minutes from August 22, 2007 be approved as written. Motion was made by Deree to accept the minutes with some roster changes. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 2: Walt discussed the changes in the structure of Emergency Management to include his move into Emergency Administration and the appointment of Kevin Starbuck as the Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management.

Membership matters included the removal of Susan Schnelle, Jordan Coulson, and Nancy McKinney. Duane made the motion that Kevin Starbuck be accepted as a member of the LEPC. The motion was seconded and carried.

Walt stepped down as the Chairman of the LEPC. Laura made the motion that Kevin be nominated as Chairman of the LEPC. The motion was seconded and carried. Lee made the motion that Rusty be nominated for another term as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded and carried. Duane nominated Laura as Secretary/Treasurer of the LEPC. Motion was seconded and carried. Lee made the motion to continue with the City of Amarillo as the Information Coordinator. Motion was seconded and carried.

Item 3: The 2008 HMEP Grant for the development of an informational video on DVD and educational information for trucking companies is still pending. The LEPC received notice that the SERC has made the final decisions and each LEPC that applied for funds received some funding. However, we will not know the exact dollar figures or requirements until the contract is mailed.

Item 4: There were no committee reports.

Item 5: Rusty brought a concern before the LEPC on the educational efforts to our law enforcement officers. He explained some problems during a situation with possible consequences with a flammable load. Rodney will bring a report to the next meeting on the outcome. Walt also advised in the future that a Liaison Officer should always be available under NIMS.

Lee offered an opportunity at Jack B. Kelley Transportation Company for training. It is held every other week and everyone is invited.

Randy discussed the reliability and effectiveness of the current tone alert radios the schools are using for warning. Kevin stated the system is sound, but the receivers are deficient. We will look into how many of the better units are available for AISD to use. Grant funds or some long term solution will be sought.

Lee announced the Amarillo Chapter of Texas Motor Transportation Association meets the fourth Wednesday every other month at the Plaza. They have many good speakers and the program is available to everyone.

Laura showed some pictures of truck accidents. One was local and one was not. General safety during these types of events was discussed.