

TO: Deer Park CAER/LEPC Team

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SUBJECT: Minutes of February 24, 2015 - Hosted by the City of Deer Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Watkins introduced Juanita Beltran who holds the position of Clerk and whose salary is being half funded by the LEPC as she will be assisting Ms. Watkins with LEPC business. Self introductions were given by Larry Cloud of Dow Pipeline and Kirk Edwards of Texas Molecular.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Norma Hysler and seconded by Gary Jackson to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Danny Rouen and seconded by Norma Hysler to accept the financial report for the month of January 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jay Stokes, Executive Committee Chair, reported on the following:

LEPC Rules – Chairman Stokes reported the Executive Committee will review the proposed LEPC Rules for presentation to and adoption by the full LEPC in March. He advised the LEPC the Rules are new as a result of the 2014 LEPC Audit.

Chairman for Communications Subcommittee – Chairman Stokes advised the LEPC that with the retirement of Malcolm Swinney the position of Chair for the Communications Subcommittee is open. Motion was made by Ray Russell and seconded by Gary Jackson to nominate Robert Hemminger as Chair. There being no further nominations, nominations closed. Motion was made by Greg Grigg and seconded by Ray Cook to elect Robert Hemminger as Chair for the Communications Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Hemminger, Communications Subcommittee Chair, reported:

Level Incidents – Robert Hemminger, Deer Park Emergency Management Coordinator and Deer Park LEPC Communications Subcommittee Chair, advised the LEPC there was a Level III on January 27, 2015 at Dow.

Ray Cook reported, "About 8:16 a.m. Dow had a Level III incident which resulted during normal maintenance when the pressure on a blower was increased or decreased. The local area was evacuated to minimize any exposure. Emergency response personnel were on scene at 8:22 a.m. and ITC was notified as the wind was north/northwest. Monitoring occurred along the Dow/ITC perimeters until 3:00 p.m., and along Industrial Parkway with no results. The all clear was given at 9:17 a.m. Messages were placed through E-notify and on the CAER line. There is an on-going investigation as to the cause and we are looking at the root cause mechanical failure, notification procedures and dispatch training."

Sandra Watkins reported for Tracie Copeland, Community Awareness Subcommittee Chair:

Totally Texas – “The 2015 Totally Texas Festival will be April 11th and Deer Park LEPC will participate with a booth. We will be asking for volunteers in March.”

Scott Greene, Emergency Response/Transportation Subcommittee Chair, reported:

2015 Drill – “The 2015 Drill has been postponed. With the retirement of Malcolm Swinney and Robert Hemminger only here a month and a change in the drill scenario, it will be in the Fall. The drill will focus on EOC training for the city’s EOC personnel as there have been a number of transitions of responsibility.”

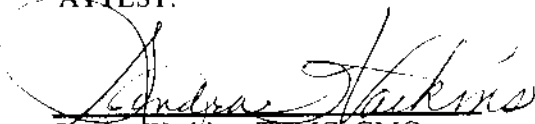
NEW BUSINESS

United Steel Workers Strike at Shell – Johan Zaayman, Shell Communications, gave an update on the status of the strike by the USW Union at Shell and advised the LEPC operations had continued and there should be a mutual agreement reached soon.

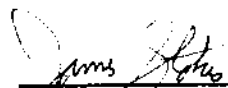
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 24, 2015 (4th Tuesday) at Deer Park City Hall.

ATTEST:


Sandra Watkins, TRMC, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:


James Stokes
Chairman

On March 24, 2015 a correction was made to the minutes of February 24, 2015 to read → → →

A motion was made by Ray Cook

“The blower was taken off line and the pressure inside the furnace increased” → → → → →

“Monitoring occurred along the Dow/ITC perimeters for 3 parts per million of Sulfur Dioxide was found”

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