



Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2021

11:00 AM

Teams Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members

Approval of Minutes from Prior Month

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- Planning: Lance Hardcastle
- Emergency Response and Communications: Johnny Morales
 - Incidents
 - E-Notify & CAER Training Session: Johnny Morales
 - E-Notify Updates: Dan Heiken
- Public Education & Information: Denise Lee
- Training and Exercise: Jeff Suggs
- Membership: Courtney Hamilton
- Golf Tournament: Richard Bass

Old Business

- Outreach Initiatives to newer neighborhoods in the LEPC area

New Business

- Lubrizol Incident

Presentation

- Justin Cox, OxyChem

Good of the Order

- Brag Report

Adjournment



Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2021

Call To Order

Justin Cox called to order the regular meeting of the LEPC on August 12, 2021 at 11:05 a.m. on a virtual Teams meeting.

Introductions of New Members

No introductions.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The July meeting minutes were displayed. No objections were made to the meeting minutes. Courtney Hamilton, INEOS Oligomers, made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Lance Hardcastle, LyondellBasell La Porte, seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report from the Last Month

The total available funds as of July 8, 2021 were \$119,563.57. The total receipts received in June totaled \$11,416.11. Disbursements totaled \$58,351.19. This left a remaining balance of \$72,628.49 on July 31, 2021. A motion by Agustin Benavides, Enterprise Products, was made to accept the July budget report. Burch Estes, Eurecat, seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

a. **Planning – Lance Hardcastle:** Lance would like to thank the La Porte, Morgan's Point, & Shoreacres LEPC and David Bierling for all the work that was done on the Transportation Study over the past year.

b. **Emergency Response and Communications: Johnny Morales**

1. Incidents –

a) On July 21st at 7:31 AM, a Level 3 notification was issued by Dow Chemical Bayport. The facility recommended a Shelter-In-Place (SIP) for industrial neighbors in the area. The product involved was confirmed by Dow as Hydroxyethyl Acrylate. Around 8 AM, the City issued a SIP for all areas of La Porte east of Bay Area Blvd. The City's EOC was activated with additional staffing. With the risk of an explosion at the incident site, the City, in coordination with Dow, recommended an evacuation of all business and residences within ½ mile radius of Dow Bayport. Out of an abundance of caution, the City also recommended an evacuation for Bayshore Elementary. After enough air monitoring data was collected to determine there was no threat to the community, the SIP was lifted at 10:45 AM. The evacuation zone remained in effect until 12pm, and the EOC remained active until 1 PM. Around 12:15 PM on Friday, July 23rd, Dow issued an All Clear for the incident. As a precautionary measure, they continued to work with CTEH to conduct air monitoring throughout the weekend

b) On July 27th at 7:35 PM, the La Porte Dispatch Center received a 911 call from LyondellBasell La Porte requesting EMS for a chemical-related injury at their facility. It was soon confirmed that those injured had been exposed to acetic acid. The La Porte EOC was immediately activated with limited staffing. The EOC received information from the Fire Department and facility that the incident was contained to the LyondellBasell site. In total, sixty patients were triaged on site; thirty of the individuals were transported to hospitals across the area. Tragically, there were two fatalities as a result of the incident. The EOC remained activated until 11:15 PM.

2. **E-Notify Update – Dan Heiken:** Dan updated the CAER notification message at the request of the Emergency Communications committee.

3. **Reverse Drills** - Johnny reminded members to make sure to use the drill site on the E-notify website, once industry receives the call.
- c. **Public Education & Information - Denise Lee:** Justin Cox presented on the LEPC and Shelter in Place at La Porte ISD's New Teacher Orientation, and received good feedback from attendees.
- d. **Training and Exercise - Jeff Suggs:** The La Porte, Deer Park, and Pasadena LEPCs will participate in a joint drill on the same date as the CIMA Zone 4 Drill on October 19th at the Pasadena Convention Center.
- e. **Membership Committee - Courtney Hamilton:** No report.
- f. **Golf Tournament - Richard Bass:** The Golf Tournament will take place on October 13th, beginning at 12 PM, depending on COVID-19 conditions. Richard reminded members that are interested in participating to register as soon as possible. Also, please encourage members to spread the word with industry neighbors about the golf tournament.
- g. **Safety Fair - Johnny Morales:** Due to COVID cases rising, the La Porte LEPC has postponed the annual Health and Safety Fair until next fall.

Old Business

- **Emergency Preparedness Guide:** Residents in La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres received their guides in the mail. Johnny stated that extra guides were printed for other events. Members who would like a copy can pick up one from the Police Department.

New Business

- **2022 Budget Proposal:** Justin presented the 2022 budget proposal to the LEPC members. Liability Insurance increased by \$25 based on actual costs in 2021. A new line item 5020 - SIP Video was added as a new expense for \$15,000 for 2022 project (this will be a one-time expense). Emerge/E-Notify decreased by \$5,000 based on actual costs in 2021. A motion was made to approve the 2022 budget proposal. Kristin Gauthier, City of La Porte, made motion to accept 2022 budget proposal. Steven Balmer, INEOS Oligomers seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- **Back to Virtual Meetings:** Due to COVID cases rising across our state and area, the Executive Committee has made the decision to go back to virtual meetings for our monthly LEPC meetings, until further notice.

Presentation

- **David Bierling, Texas A&M Transportation Institute:** David Bierling presented the results of the transportation study that was conducted by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute by providing an overview of the final report.

Good of the Order

- **Brag Report:** The LEPC received a 2nd place trophy for their float in the 4th of July Parade, which was presented during the City Council meeting

Adjournment

- a. A motion was made by Burch Estes, Eurecat, to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Courtney Hamilton, INEOS Oligomers. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

LA PORTE, MORGAN'S POINT, & SHOREACRES LEPC TREASURER'S REPORT



REPORT DATE: September 9, 2021

BALANCE AS OF LAST REPORT: August 12, 2021

Checking Account Balance	\$ 72,628.49
	TOTAL FUNDS: \$ 72,628.49

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

	\$5,440.00
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DISBURSEMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

	\$ 25.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING: \$ 25.00

Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2021	\$ 78,043.49
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TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS as of August 31, 2021	\$ 78,043.49
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Accounts

Bank of America	\$ 6,981.35
Beacon FCU	\$ 71,062.14
	\$ 78,043.49