

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Garrett Parnell

Quarterly Meeting Minutes February 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Hardee County Utilities Department, 2428 Commerce Court, Bowling Green, FL 33834 and GoToMeeting Option: <https://meet.goto.com/312948621> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 312-948-621

1. Call to Order

A. Dan Bartle called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Those in attendance both online and in-person included:

Emergency Management

- Laura Calvillo, Hardee County EM
- Mitch Smeykal, Okeechobee County EM
- Amalia Arista, Hardee County EM
- Billy Abernathy, Polk County EM
- Ken Barksdale, Business Guard Inc.

Facility Owners and Operators

- Jenna Downing, Hexion Inc
- James Villarreal, Gulfstream Natural Gas
- Greg Hall, Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- Calvin Bates, Vandolah Power Company

Firefighting

- Joseph Walker, Hardee County Fire Rescue
- Garrett Parnell, Polk County Fire Rescue

- Brett Hogan, Highlands County Fire Rescue

Local Environmental

- Jordan Luscier, FDEP
- Trevor Wavelet, FDEP
- Johnathan Fabrizio, FDEP

Education

- Danial Bartle, Florida Polytechnic University

Staff

- Curtis Knowles, LEPC Staff
- Monica Massey, LEPC Staff

General Public

- Corey Amundsen, Highlands County Emergency Management
- Doug Wolfe, Response Technologies
- Marc Purvis, FDEM Region 6 Recovery Coordinator

2. Approval of the November 18, 2021 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Curtis Knowles asked if there were any changes to the November 18, 2021 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

There were none so Garrett Parnell moved to approve the meeting minutes, Laura Calvillo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

No Old Business was reported.

4. New Business

A. Doug Wolfe, Response Technologies and CF-LEPC Training Consultant, gave a presentation on the various types of trainings available to the region. Doug suggested the LEPC/Fire/Police/EMS/Health/Hospital Departments/Agencies conduct a detailed training needs analysis. He can design or offer the National/Florida Fire Hazmat classes or any program that is needed with any of the entities involved and provide the training to those agencies through the LEPC contract. He recommends these Departments/Agencies created a training needs road map for the next 18-24 months for the entire region or agency specific. Questions and discussion followed.

B. Jordan Luscier, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and CF-LEPC Training Task Force Chair, gave a presentation on their spill remediation process. She gave an example of a petroleum-based oil spill in Wauchula. They hired Helena to analyze the chemical to determine the damage to neighboring properties and cattle due to the chemical getting into nearby areas of water and ditches. They used berms to block off the affected areas and had ACT remove the product. Questions and discussion followed.

C. Incident Report Discussion for the Region

Greg Hall spoke about an incident at Publix where they had an Ammonia leak, but the crew worked fast to get it under control while making sure staff was safe.

D. Nominate/Appoint New LEPC Chair

MOTION

Garrett Parnell moved to nominate Dan Bartle as the new LEPC Chair, Amalia Arista seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Nominate/Appoint New LEPC Vice Chair

MOTION

Dan Bartle moved to nominate Garrett Parnell as the new LEPC Vice Chair, Laura Calvillo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Nominate/Appoint New Training Task Force Vice Chair

MOTION

Dan Bartle moved to nominate Trevor Wavelet as the new LEPC & SERC Training Task Force Vice Chair, Garrett Parnell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. Membership

Curtis Knowles reported new membership appointments for Greg Hall, Trevor Wavelet, and Wes Allen. These members were submitted for approval as Primary Members of the CF-LEPC by the SERC at their January 19, 2022 meeting. Also, Robert Alleva and Johnathan Fabrizio were submitted for approval as Alternate Members. The January SERC meeting did not have a quorum; therefore, postponing the appointment of these members and alternates to their next meeting.

B. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials

Curtis provided a summary of the Chairs and Coordinators Meeting, the Training Task Force Meeting, and the SERC meetings that took place in January 2022. Upcoming meetings for these three divisions are scheduled for April 14-15, 2022 but a location is yet to be determined.

C. Training

Curtis provided the website for the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Training Calendar: <https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>. This provides a list of trainings that occur throughout the state. Curtis discussed two training opportunities (from the Center for Rural Development) that were sent out via email the day before the meeting and asked if anyone needs Cameo training to let him know directly.

6. Comments from Member/Public

Curtis mentioned two exercises are coming up 1. Polk County Functional/Tabletop of their Emergency Operations Center and staff and 2. DeSoto County Tabletop of their Emergency Operations Center and staff. Jenna Downing stated the Lakeland Hexion office is now called Westlake Epoxy, a Westlake company. Their plant was bought out by Westlake. She stated nothing has changed from an operational perspective.

7. Next LEPC Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Location will be announced.

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8. Adjourn

MOTION

Joseph Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amalia Arista seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the February 10, 2022 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Issue: 48/29.