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**Calcasieu Parish Local Emergency Planning Committee**

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**July 16, 2024 - 10:00 AM**  
**901 Lakeshore Dr. – Suite 200**  
**Lake Charles, LA 70601**

<b>LEPC Officers</b>	
<b>Lindsay, Mason – Chairman</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Tower, Ron – Vice Chairman</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Jared Maze – Secretary/Treasurer</b> <b>Megan Powell – Secretary</b>	<b>P</b>

<b>LEPC Members</b>					
<b>Conner, Mark – EMS</b>		<b>Sulphur Fire Dept.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>WLFD</b>	
<b>Daughdril, Rob – At Large Member</b>		<b>Vice, Chris – Vinton Fire Dept.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>At Large Member</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Shaun Touchet - LCPD</b>		<b>McLemore, Jonathan – USCG</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>CERT</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Harmon, Liz, - Hospitals</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Novak, Ryan - Sasol</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>CPSO</b>	
<b>Weatherford, Stuart – City of LC</b>		<b>CPSB</b>		<b>WLFD</b>	
<b>– DEQ</b>		<b>Media</b>			
<b>LaFleur, Sean – LSP</b>		<b>National Guard</b>			
<b>McGuire, Richard – Cal. 911</b>		<b>Organized Labor</b>			
<b>Wilrye, Chris – WLPD</b>		<b>SIEC</b>			
<b>Pullin, Gerald -At Large Member</b>		<b>VFD</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Rock, Jim – LAIA</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Visual Media</b>			
<b>Satterfield, Greg - Lyondell/Basell</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>OPH</b>			

**I. Call to Order:**

- **Pledge of Allegiance:**

- **Vote to accept the minutes:**
- **Second the Motion:**

**II. Old Business:**

**III. Treasury Report: \$167,077.88**

**IV. New Business:**

- Incident Review (Ron Tower)
- 1) “Immediately following a hazardous release resulting in requested action by the community, our secretary will send a letter to the releasing facility representative. The letter will request a detailed written report of the incident be provided to the LEPC in advance of the follow month’s meeting. The report should include completing the applicable sections of the incident spreadsheet. Additionally, the letter will request that the facility have a representative available at the following month’s meeting for a public review and to answer questions from LEPC members.” This is not a new rule, it is simply a motion to follow existing requirements of EPCRA Section 304.
- 2) “This letter should be sent immediately to the proper representative at Biolab for the incident that occurred in June – with a requirement that they have the written report and the representative available for our August meeting.”
- Ron Tower will draft a letter with which sections from the Incident Review spreadsheet to be sent to Biolab for review.
- REFERENCE - Section 304 must provide a detailed written report to the Local Emergency Planning Commission as soon as practical after the release. (Up to 30 days) The LEPC must make these reports available to the public. Section 312 However if subject to emergency planning under section 302 the LEPC has the authority to request any information necessary for developing and implementing the emergency plans.
- Marathon Oil Presentation on August 13, 2024, they will be talking about their incident that occurred at their Garyville site. It will be held at the West Cal Event Center; lunch will be provided.
- Mason Lindsay will discuss and ask the committee for approval of providing lunch not to exceed \$1000.

**V. New Projects as of: (Gerald Pullin)**

- Gulf Coast Industrial Group (GCIG) meeting of July 3. GCRG will be opening a new group in Mobile Alabama in October 2024. This will be the fifth location representing 1500 contractor companies and approximately 200,000 construction workers.
- Total value of projects from Corpus Christi to Mobile Alabama is now at \$500 billion and of that total, \$ 110 Billion is in SW Louisiana with projected manpower needs of over 125,000 construction workers.
- Federal judge for the Western District of Louisiana James David Cain Jr. held a hearing. Sixteen states and several companies file suit against the Biden administration and the energy department for mandating a slowdown of issuing permits. Upon completion of the hearing, Judge Cain issued a ruling. He stated, “the mandated slowdown is the “epitome of Idiocracy” and permitting should resume immediately.

- **LNG:**

- **Black Bayou LNG Support** A project to store natural gas at the Sulphur salt dome and deliver it to LNG projects via a 27-mile pipeline to Black Bayou.
- **Galveston LNG:** Is a new project to be built in Galveston Texas to fuel crew ships.
- **Port Arthur LNG Phase 1.:** Is not impacted by the permit pause. Phase 2 is impacted by the slow down. The two projects are now budgeted at \$12 Billion with 100 permanent, 8,000 construction workers.
- **Bechtel is the GC.** Including Port Arthur LNG, Bechtel has \$40 Billion worth of work in SE Texas and SW Louisiana.
- **Port Arthur LNG Phase II** 25% of this project has been sold to Aramco. The project has mobilized 40 work trailers have been mobilized on site in anticipation of 5000 workers.
- **Golden Pass LNG** Expansion has Bechtel GC projected at \$10 Billion with 8,000 Construction jobs and 350 permanent jobs. Production is anticipated in 2025.
- **Driftwood LNG.** \$20 billion projects located in Carlyss. This project is not impacted by the FERC permit slow down. This is a Bechtel project and is now projected to need close to 12,000 construction jobs and 400 permanent jobs. Bechtel is in discussions with Tellurian to determine how quickly site construction can produce deliverable product post FID. They are in discussions with several potential equity investors. Aramco announced June 4 that they are anticipating a significant investment to become an equity participant. Woodside LNG Australia is also considering becoming an equity participant.
- **Securing equity investors will allow rapid FID and Construction initiation. Once equity partners are secured Tellurian anticipates FID within two months and Construction to initiate by 4Q 2024.**
- **Lake Charles LNG** \$10 billion 8000 Construction. Energy Transfer has issued a PO to Performance.
- **Energy Transfer** requested a second construction permit extension. FERC denied the request. Energy Transfer has begun, with support of LAIA, the process of applying for a new permit. This application will be impacted by the permitting process slow down.
- **Commonwealth LNG** is permitted to initiate construction. The second permit normally issued shortly after FID has not been issued. This project is now projected at \$13 Billion up from \$10 Billion. Commonwealth anticipated FID in March 2024 which will mean 3000 Construction jobs. Technip Energy GC for modular construction. Performance Contractor to do on site assembly of components and start up. Bay Limited will construct tanks in Corpus Christi and ship to site to be set by rail. Kiewit Construction will build production modules off site. Commonwealth anticipates FID Q1 2024.
- **Cameron LNG** Train #4 Is not permitted. It is a \$6 Billion Bechtel is bidding for this job. Carbon Capture is on site at Cameron LNG is Sempra announced a five-year spending plan of \$48 billion between Cameron LNG in Port Arthur LNG.
- **Delphin LNG** is permitted, and FID was secured and obtained in Q3 2023 for \$5 billion. Signed Design and Engineering contract with Wison (Korean) to develop floating LNG vessels and expand the floating capacity. Black & Veatch are the GC for a 120,000 HP compressor, and station upgrade in Cameron, to push gas offshore which can support 4 liquefaction ships simultaneously.

- **New Fortress LNG.** Has three “FAST” LNG units been constructed on refurbished jack up rigs. “FAST” LNG technology produces LNG in 30 months from time of beginning construction.
  - 1 Grand Isle LNG \$3 Billion - \$4 Billion LNG project 13 miles off Grand Isle.
  - 2 Corpus Christi LNG
  - 3 Fourchon Louisiana
- **Venture LNG** Is not permitted and will be impacted by the permit slow down. McDermott Has been selected as GC.
- **Venture LNG CP2** Former SCG&E site on Monkey Island is now the location for Vesture LNG distribution location. Worley to be EPC and are sending out bid packages.
- **Chenier LNG** The FERC permit pause will impact the additional two production lines. These two additional lines will produce the same volume as 3 originally requested for expansion. The expansion will be a Bechtel project.
- **Caliche Company** Purchased the Golden Triangle Salt Dome to add 2 new chambers to store 14 billion cubic feet of natural gas to sell to the LNG projects.
- **One OK LNG** Purchased 40 acres past Port Arthur LNG to build a \$4 Billion facility.
- **Texas LNG** This project is in Brownsville and is permitted. It will be a Bechtel project.
  
- **Road Construction:**
- **I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge** P3 partnership of private/government has been approved by the state’s legislators. During the seven-year construction, State and Local legislators have committed to continue working to secure funding to minimize or eliminate tolls.
  
- **Municipal:**
- **City of Lake Charles** Anticipates \$170 Million for upgrades and improvements.
- **Port of Lake Charles** Cajun Contractor to demo and rebuild berths 4,5, and 6 to increase weight capacity.
- Omega, a Houston company, has retained Nance to evacuate and refurbish carbon black bag houses at the port.
- Port of Port Arthur. Has budgeted 12 projects to build a bridge over the railroad tracks and to construct additional park and ride and lay down yards.
- Port of Beaumont and Jefferson Chemical JV to build a new international port just South of the existing Port of Beaumont.
- **Chemical:**
- **Lake Charles Methanol** Is a \$3.2Billion project, announced a fuel stock switch to blue natural gas.
- Investa. 10 facilities were purchased by Dow who plans on restarting five of them.
- **Citgo** Announced they will spend more in next 36 months than ever before.
- **Conoco/Phillips** announce \$11 billion capital work in last half of 2024 & 2025.
- **Methanol** Pro Man and Mitsubishi announced \$2.5 Billion methanol plant on Tank Farm Road at the old G2 Methanol site.
- **Indorama** Purchased Huntsman Chemical.
- **Air Products** \$14 Billion at 4 locations SE Texas and SW Louisiana Q3 2023
- **Shintech** Is a \$18M Expansion to the PVC unit.

- **Entergy Louisiana** is proposing a floating \$13 billion natural gas-powered electric plant off the coast of Louisiana.
- **Chevron Geisler LA** \$100M Expansion in the renewable diesel unit.
- **CF Industries Donaldsonville LA** \$75M investment in the nitric acid and (DEF) diesel exhaust unit.
- \$4 Billion biofuel plant using sugar cane to produce jet fuel.
- **Chevron Orange** is a \$13 billion project, proposing 250 permanent positions and 8000 construction jobs.
- Six EPC Contractors on site. Zachary, Burns & Mac, Bechtel, S&B and Kiewit. A contract has been released for 22 tanks to be constructed on site. Also Released are bids for \$40 Million for control room construction.
- **Exxon Baytown** \$2B Expansion within the largest chemical complex in North America.
- **Exxon Mobil Beaumont** \$6 billion project projects 1000 permanent jobs and 2000 Construction jobs.
- **OCI Methanol Beaumont** \$5 billion project proposed 100 permanent jobs and 3000 construction jobs.
- **Valero Port Arthur** \$3 Billion project with 400 permanent jobs 2500 construction jobs.
- **Entergy Bridge City** \$5 Billion project with 200 permanent jobs 2000 construction jobs.
- **Motiva** Hargrove engineering is working on 30 projects that were put on hold due to Covid. Prior to being placed on hold there was a \$14 billion budget.
- **Enterprise Vidor TX** \$6 Billion project to construct an Ethylene project on 1100 acres which has been purchased.
- **Formosa Chemical** in Saint James Parish Has challenged EPA ruling and had the ruling overturned. They are planning a \$10 Billion petrochemical expansion to build 12 plastic units.
- **Oxy Chemical Battleground TX** \$1.5 Billion Alkie Plant
- **Oxy Deer Park** \$1.1 Billion plant expansion
- **LG Chemicals Port Arthur** purchased 200 acres for industrial construction.
- **Clean Energy**
- **Lotte & Copenhagen (German Company)** plan to construct a \$3 Billion Blue Ammonia plant in Lake Charles.
- **Project Cypress** \$2-\$3-billion-dollar carbon capture to be built near Lake Charles.
- **Apollo Energy** plans to build a facility to produce marine hydrogen by a clean hydrogen process at the Sulphur Mine location.
- **Sun Gas Renewable Company** \$2 Billion Green methanol plant in Pineville Louisiana on the closed IP paper mill site.
- **Monarch Energy** \$500 Million Green Hydrogen project in Gonzales.
- **Aurora Solar** \$325 Million 500 construction jobs Leased 3400 acres from Sweet Lake Land & Oil Southeast of Lake Charles.
- **CF Industries Exxon Beaumont** \$1.5 Billion Carbon Capture
- **OCI Beaumont** \$1.5 Billion Clean Hydrogen plant Bo Mac GC
- **State of Texas Biofuel Bon Weir** jet fuel to LAX, waiting for permit approvals.
- **Arbor Biofuel Beaumont** \$3 billion project projecting 200 permanent jobs and 1500 construction jobs.
- **Air Products Port Arthur** \$4.5 Billion Carbon Capture

- **Talos Energy Beaumont** \$3.5 Billion Carbon Capture on 10,000 acres
- **Opdenenergy in Allen Parish** \$150 Million solar farm on 1000 acres near Elizabeth.

- **Wood & Pulp**

- West Rock in Hodge LA \$98 Million mill and wood yard expansion
- Bon Weir TX Greenfield sawmill construction planned.
- Weyerhaeuser in Dodson LA. \$96.2 mil
- lion modernization and decarbonation.

**VI. CAER:**

**VII. Drills/Exercises: (Jason Lionberger)**

**VIII. Trainings: (Jason Lionberger)**

- **G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface**

- July 23, 2024
- 8AM – 5PM
- Calcasieu Parish EOC
- Classroom A – OEP

- **ICS 400**

- July 24 & 25, 2024
- Classroom A – OEP
- 8AM – 5PM

- **Hazmat IQ**

- August 28, 2024
- West Cal Event Center
- 8:00AM – 5:00PM

- If you would like to sign up email Megan Powell, [mpowell@calcasieu.gov](mailto:mpowell@calcasieu.gov).

**IX. Incidents: (Sean LaFleur)**

**X. Tier II: (Megan Powell)**

- As of now, we have 520 facilities that have filed and paid for the 2023 Tier II reports.
- Waiting for a couple more to pay their fee.

**XI. LEPC Website:**

- If anyone has any content that you would like to be put on the LEPC website Megan Powell know and we can get with Rob Daughdril to put that on our website.

**XII. EMS/Hospitals: (Mark Conner)**

**Appointed Committees:**

1. **Right to Know:**

2. **Public Education and Information Committee** *(Ron Tower)*:
3. **Emergency Response and Resource**
4. **Hazardous Material Facilities Committee:**
5. **Budget Committee:**

**THE NEXT LEPC MEETING WILL BE: August 20, 2024**  
**THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY**  
**PREPAREDNESS NUMBER IS 337-721-3800.**