

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Mason Lindsay (Chairman CPLEPC), Ron Tower (Vice Chairman CPLEPC), Mark Conner (Acadian), Ryan Novak (CPLEPC), Robert Daughdril (CPLEPC), Jared Maze (OHSEP), Anthony Olivier (DEQ), John Naquin (SFD), AJ Powell (SPD), Greg Satterfield (LYB), Sean LaFleur (LSP), Cade McLemore (USCG), Chris Vice (VFD) Mark Ware (CFD)

Excused Members: Gerald Pullin (CPLEPC), Jim Rock (LAIA)

Guests present: Megan Powell (OHSEP), Cindy Robertson (M6:8M), Nicole Dumas (CMRC), Chris Chaisson (LYB), Tony Dietz (Providence Eng), Amy Michiels (GOHSEP), Jacie Smith (E3 Enviro), Kevin Brewer (Citadel Completions), James Neely (LCFD), Justin Stegal (Exxon), Mike Busby (Westlake South), Odessa Kirkwood (CFD), Brandon Walker (CFD), Sammy Short (USCG), Scott Kyle (LCMH)

Call to Order and Pledge:

- Mason called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
- Mason asked for Ron Tower to lead the Pledge.
- Mason asked for self-introductions.

Minutes:

- Mason asked for a motion to accept the March minutes.
- Ron Tower made the motion to accept the March minutes with corrected changes.
- Seconded by: Jared Maze.
- All those approved signified by I, none opposed.

Public Comments:

- Mason asked if there was anyone for public comments.
- Cynthia Robertson spoke about CPLEPC membership. She stated she put in a formal public request to obtain the membership roster. We will have to wait to receive the formal request from our Administration.

Treasurer Report

- Mason asked Jared Maze to give the treasury report. Our current balance is \$164,130.50. That's an increase of \$4,000 since last week.

- Mason wanted to give a big thank you to Megan Powell on her hard work in collecting Tier II reports and fees each year.

Discuss Membership:

- Mason advised that the executive committee decided unanimously not to vote on new members, because if we vote now the LERC would not be able to approve the members at this present time.
- Mason also let the committee know that we are not the only CPLEPC in the State in this dilemma, it affects the other LEPCs across the State.
- Mason advised that we hope to have this resolved shortly and that the state is working to help us with our membership.
- Mason also advised our bylaws to state that our membership is to be approved by the LERC.

Public Education & Information Update:

- Mason asked for the PE & I Update.
- Ron Tower stated that a meeting was held yesterday, and it was a good meeting.
- Ron Tower advised the committee that by the end of the day he would send the Brand guidebook to Jared for distribution to the CPLEPC members for the usage of the new logo.
- Ron also advised there is an Earth Day this coming Saturday April 19, 2025, in Sulphur across from Boiling Point. If anyone would like to volunteer for this, go with Ron. If you don't have Ron's contact get with Megan and she will give you that information.

Alerting and Notification Update:

- Ryan advised they had their second meeting on April 3rd, 2025. They are addressing knowledge gaps in the emergency systems, with updates on sirens and cost allocations for replacement. Future discussions will include CAER radios and system migrations.
- Ryan advised that Jared did a great presentation on the sirens and the replacement process that is in the process.
- Also, Jim Rock did a presentation as well to help understand the industry side.
- Next meeting will be the second Thursday of May.

Drills, Exercise, and Training:

- Mike Busby stated that Westlake South will have a drill coming up, not sure of the date at this time.
- Mason asked James Neely with LCFD to give an explanation on the EMT training he wants to provide. Neely explained he is working on getting an EMT course for the region and was looking for help with funding for the students. The course would cost about \$24,000, but he would seek out other sponsors. Neely advised it is a great course, through FETA and there seems to be a great interest in this course. He advised he would reach out to Mutual Aid for funding too. Mason advised that CPLEPC was looking to sponsor half of that, which would be \$12000. We can vote and discuss it at the next meeting. He is hoping to get up by the end of August, but not certain.
- **Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Course** coming up April 24, 2025. Will be held at the Calcasieu Parish Emergency Operations Center, 901 Lakeshore Dr. Suite 200. Time 8:00AM – 12:00PM. To register visit <https://stems.gohsep.la.gov/courses/1571/offerings/5933>. Make sure you have already created a STEMS account, so you can register.
- LAIA is holding a paint recycling day on May 3, 2025, at the Lake Charles Event Center south parking lot. Printout was at the meeting for members to pick. If you need another one, please email Megan Powell.
- **Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure MGT-452** You will need to have an account on TEEEX to register. The training will be held at the Calcasieu Parish Emergency Operations Center, on May 28, 2025. 8:00AM – 5:00PM.
- **G-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions** Will be held June 3-4, 2025, at the Calcasieu Parish Emergency Operations Center. 8:00AM – 5:00PM. Flyer was printed for the members to pick up. To register you will have to have a STEM account with GOHSEP. The contact person is Jason Lionberger, 337-721-3800.

New Projects:

- Mason advised the upcoming printout that was on the table to be issued. He advised that since there were many, we were not going to go over all of them. But he advised the updates on LNG-related projects revealed significant future activity in the region, with expansions and new developments by companies like Cameron LNG, Chenier, and Magnolia.
- Discussion on the lack of marine firefighting plan for the region emphasized the need for a standardized response plan and potential state-level funding.
- Rob Daughdril mentioned to maybe form a subcommittee to address this issue.

- The committee spoke about forming a Ad hoc committee emphasizing to address marine firefighting plans.
- Sean Lafleur advised the committee to be careful when going to the legislature before having all the assets and information beforehand. Also, it can be two-fold as this committee we can't lobby the legislature.

Conclusion:

- The meeting addressed key administrative, financial, and operational updates, alongside ongoing concerns about membership processes and emergency preparedness.
- The formation of a subcommittee to tackle marine firefighting planning highlights the committee's focus on improving regional safety and response capabilities.
- Ongoing challenges, such as committee membership approvals and marine firefighting preparedness, require strategic planning and collaboration with state entities.