

*BALDWIN COUNTY LEPC
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
BCEMA EOC – ROBERTSDALE/VIRTUAL
AUGUST 14, 2024*



Chief Joey Darby (Foley Fire) was out of town, so Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and welcomed everyone.

Michelle mentioned that this is the last Steering meeting until the next Full Body meeting, so the Committee needed to discuss how much LEPC would allot for meat for the December meeting. Deann Servos (Prodissee Pantry) recommended \$400.00 to account for inflation. She also made a motion for that amount, and Bruce Nelson (Orange Beach Fire) seconded the motion. All present approved. The motion will be presented to the Full Body at the September 16 meeting.

Michelle also mentioned that LEPC will need to start its officer nomination process. Michelle, the current Secretary/Treasurer is willing to run again. Chief Darby, the current Chair, is willing to run again. Stephen Sullivan (Riviera Utilities) was nominated for Vice Chair. Tom Tyler (BCEMA) suggested someone from industry should be nominated, to which George Waller (American Red Cross) stated he might have somebody from Viking in Foley he could talk with. Stephen requested the roles for each position be sent out with the nomination link.

The July 2024 Steering Meeting minutes were up for approval. Danon Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. George Waller seconded the motion. All present approved, and the motion was passed.

Attendees:

Miriam Boone, City of Foley (Virtual)
Jenny Kilpatrick, ADPH (Virtual)
Lana Mummah, United Way of Baldwin County (Virtual)
Bruce Nelson, Orange Beach Fire (In-person)
Michelle Pennington, BCEMA (In-person)
Deann Servos, Prodissee Pantry (Virtual)
Danon Smith, BCEMA (In-person)
Joe Staska, Daphne Fire (Virtual)
Stephen Sullivan, Riviera Utilities (Virtual)
Amanda Thweatt, BCEMA (In-person)
Tom Tyler, BCEMA (In-person)
Jessica Wade, ADPH (In-person)
George Waller, American Red Cross (In-person)
Jessica Waters, BCEMA (In-person)

Training Exercise Update:

Tom Tyler (BCEMA) gave the following update on the preparations for the full scale exercise set for August 22, 2024:

- (1) The final exercise planning meeting was yesterday (August 13).
- (2) The plan is to run the exercise with whoever shows up.
- (3) The public will be alerted that there will be activity in the Bay Minette area.
- (4) There will be a viewing area for VIPs.
- (5) Set up will be Wednesday.
- (6) The following comments were made during discussion:
 - a. This is a great opportunity for us and the public to learn what goes on in this situation.
 - b. For every level of responder, there is a role to be played.
 - c. The EOC will focus on situational awareness and resource requests.
 - d. Baldwin 911 will focus on CAD entry.
 - e. We will keep up with each other on BC Fire 5.

Committee Updates:

Danon Smith (BCEMA) reported:

- (1) She contacted Novelis and confirmed that some Novelis personnel will be observing.
- (2) Danon, Tom, and Chief Darby will be going up for a tour at some point.

Deann Servos (Prodissee Pantry) reported:

- (1) Families are struggling – For the first week in a long time, Prodissee Pantry topped over 200 families in a month.
- (2) The Pantry has stockpiled and is continuing to stockpile.

Stephen Sullivan (Riviera Utilities) reported that Riviera sent 18 staff to help restore power after Hurricane Debby.

Jenny Kilpatrick (ADPH) thanked everyone for letting her serve as Vice Chair. She stated that it was a great experience. She also asked for social workers for ADPH.

Michelle Pennington provided the dates for the next Steering and Full Body meetings. Those dates are listed below.

Bruce Nelson (Orange Beach Fire) made a motion to adjourn. Multiple attendees seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Resources of Interest

<https://erplan.net/eplan/login.htm> (e-plan)

[https://baldwincountyal.gov/departments/emergency-management-agency/ema-training/get-involved/local-emergency-planning-committee-\(lepc\)](https://baldwincountyal.gov/departments/emergency-management-agency/ema-training/get-involved/local-emergency-planning-committee-(lepc)) (detailed information about LEPC – Community Right to Know, etc)

<https://www.epa.gov/epcra/national-lepc-tepc-handbook> (LEPC Handbook)

<https://www.chargepoint.com/> (includes information on where to find EV charging stations)

<https://www.plugshare.com/> (a map of EV charging stations)

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/charge-safe> (New York state's Charge Safe Campaign)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

LEPC Full Body Meeting / September 16, 2024 / 10:30 am / Foley Civic Center

LEPC Steering Committee Meeting / September 18, 2024 / 10:00 am / Hybrid

