



HAMILTON COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

LEPC Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2008

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held September 17, 2008 at Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Rd., East Ridge, TN. The following constitutes the minutes of that meeting.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Garner, CFD; LEPC Chairman	Mitch Davis, Brenntag
John Leach, HEPACO	Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
Chris McCormack, SRT Safety	Charles Burton, Grace Engineering
Nathan Hollingsworth, NA Industries	John Bennett, JIT Chemical Corp.
Tim Hoback, NA Industries	Richard Twitchell, Self
Mike Akins, First Response, Inc.	Robert McCain, Chattanooga Gas
Matt McElhaney, MEI	Karen Dale, Invista
Mike James, MEI	Cindy Boyd, Invista
John Piotter, Env. Waste Svcs, Vice/Chair	Mark Starrett, Chatt. Gas Co.
John Moorshead, DPC Enterprises	Dawn Ford, C-HCHD
Marian Bernal, QVS, Inc.	Charles Goodner, RACES
Mike Poe, SOFIX Corp.	Terri Whitt, CARTA
Tim Arnold, USCG AUX.	Nick Raines, Brenntag
Matt Taylor, Chattem Chemicals	Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace
Terry Parks, Memorial Hosp.	Nathan Warren, Highway Transport & Chemical
Edd ABurch, Clean Harbors, Env..	Steve Kitts, Highway Transport & Chemical
Larry Martin, McKee Foods	Jamie Farrow, Pilgrim's Pride
Mark Zinnanti, TN Amer. Water	Michael Thompson, Chattem Chemicals
Susan Holmes, TN Amer. Water	

Introductory Remarks: Chairman Garner began by welcoming all in attendance and asked for personal introductions.

Chairman Garner then asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to become a member of the LEPC. Nathan Warren with Highway Transport & Chemical and Tim Hoback with N.A. Industries asked to join. Dick Twitchell made a motion seconded by John Bennett to accept the new members. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes for Last Meeting

Chairman Garner asked for a motion to approve July 9, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion made by Dick Twitchell and seconded by Mr. Twitchell. No discussion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

In the absence of the Secretary, Chairman Garner read the Financial Report. Following the reading of the financial report Chairman Garner asked for a motion to approve. Mike Poe made motion to approve the financial report. John Piotter seconded motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Follow-up on LEPC Exercise and Reverse 911

Chairman Garner said that Don Allen with Hamilton County Emergency Services has expressed his desire to upgrade the county's Rapid Public Notification System (Reverse 911). This is in direct response to the LEPC exercise held last April. Bruce said the upgrade might involve the LEPC purchasing the software, which among other things, would enable the public to enter their cell phone numbers online. The 911 Board would in turn spend up to \$40,000 to advertise the new initiative. More meetings will need to be held to work out the numerous details.

New Business:

Chairman Garner introduced the guest speaker, Mike Edwards, a Corporate Environmental Associate with McKee Foods. Despite the fact that we were not able to provide a projector and screen as he requested, Mike provided an excellent presentation on Asbestos awareness.

Mike provided a detailed description on what asbestos is, where it's found and it's dangers. He also provided some important information on OSHA and EPA regulations related to asbestos.

Officer Elections:

Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Stuntz, who according to our by-laws must serve as Chairman pro tem, was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Garner asked for some input from the members present. He said that we could postpone the election until the November meeting, or we could proceed by letting the Nominating Committee (Dusty Rominger and Mike Poe) preside over the election process. Dick Twitchell made a motion seconded by John Bennett to turn the election process over to the Nominating committee. No discussion. Motion carried.

Dusty handed out the ballots to those in attendance who were eligible to vote. The ballots were then collected and the results were as follows:

Chairperson – Bruce Garner, Chattanooga Fire Department
Vice Chair – Dawn Ford, Hamilton County Health Department
Vice Chair – David Darnell, BASF Corporation
Vice Chair – Larry Martin, McKee Foods
Vice Chair – Chris McCormack, SRT Safety
Vice Chair – Girish Patel, Alco Chemical
Vice Chair – John Piotter, Environmental Waste Services
Vice Chair – Bill Tittle, Hamilton County Emergency Services

Bruce thanked those present for being given the opportunity to serve one more year as Chair. He also thanked Dusty and Mike for their work on the Nominating Committee.

Other Business: None

Date and Location of Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2008, 10:30 a.m. at Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge, Tennessee.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Garner for Wayne Stuntz