

1    **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**  
2                            **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
3                            **July 13, 2012**  
4                            **LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**  
5                            **MEETING MINUTES**  
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7    **I. CALL TO ORDER**  
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9    President Rick Webre called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Skip Breeden led the  
10   pledge of allegiance and Rick Webre led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct  
11   business.  
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13                            **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14                            Dexter Accardo  
15                            Skip Breeden  
16                            Pat Santos for Kevin Davis  
17                            Sonya Wiley-Gremillion proxy for Sandy Davis  
18                            Eric Deroche  
19                            Dexter Accardo proxy for Kenneth Graham  
20                            Chris Guilbeaux  
21                            Tracey Hilburn  
22                            Jerry Monier proxy for Robert Jump  
23                            Rick Webre proxy for Jeff Meyers and Karen Price  
24                            Tuesday Mills  
25                            Jerry Monier  
26                            Gene Dunnegan for Taylor Moss  
27                            Jim Polk  
28                            Eric Deroche proxy for Dawson Primes  
29                            Rick Webre  
30                            Scott Welchel  
31                            Sonya Wiley-Gremillion  
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33                            **Members Excused:**

34                            Dave Brown  
35                            Sean Lafleur  
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38                            **Guests:**

39                            Bland O'Connor  
40                            Jenny Constantin  
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42 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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44 The minutes from the May 7, 2012 Board meeting were addressed. A motion was made  
45 by Jerry Monier and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the minutes as presented. The  
46 motion passed.

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48 **III. OFFICER REPORTS**

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50 A. President –Rick Webre

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52 Rick asked Skip to help with the LEM and asked for help with other  
53 appointments. Pathways to Success sent a letter to Rick Webre thanking him for  
54 the web site and asked to add a link to Low Country Electric Company for  
55 information on staying safe during power outages. It was decided to find similar  
56 information

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58 B. President Elect – Jim Polk

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60 No report.

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62 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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64 Eric Deroche presented the May 31, 2012 financial statements (Attachment 1).  
65 Total assets at May 31, 2012 were \$356,832.63. Total fund balances at May 31,  
66 2012 were \$351,582.63. For the five months ended May 31, 2012 receipts  
67 exceeded expenditures by \$103,677.90.

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69 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Skip Breeden  
70 to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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72 D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

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74 No report.

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76 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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78 A. AWARDS – Jerry Monier

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82 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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84 Rick Webre presented the recent applicants. He did not recommend the packet of  
85 Patrick Hardy but did recommend John Leblanc and Lee Hebert.

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87 A motion was made by Skip Breeden and seconded by Eric Deroche to approve  
88 John Leblanc for the LEM-T and Lee Hebert for the LEM-Pro. The motion  
89 passed.

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91 A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and seconded by Chris Guilbeaux to defer  
92 action on Patrick Hardy pending further completion of his application packet.  
93 The motion passed.  
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95 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers  
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97 No report.  
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99 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price  
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101 No report.  
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103 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur  
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105 No report.  
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107 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo  
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109 Dexter reported that the legislative session was brutal and next year is expected to  
110 be about as difficult. GOHSEP will continue to struggle with budget issues.  
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112 G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills  
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114 At July 11, 2012, membership stood at 689, up by 38 from the last report.  
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116 H. NOMINATING – Jim Polk  
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118 No report.  
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120 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche  
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122 Eric reported on the recent Workshop. Discussion of getting more elected  
123 officials to the LEPA Workshop. We are reaching out to the Policy Jury  
124 Association and others in co-operatively marketing each others' events. Dexter  
125 Accardo raised an objection to the comment in the evaluations stating the smaller  
126 parishes are ignored in the Workshop sessions. Discussion ensued on the  
127 limitation of resources for small parishes and how to work around those  
128 limitations. It was noted that almost all of the OEP Directors in the State are  
129 doing something in addition to the OEP Director position in the scope of their  
130 responsibilities.  
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132 The MidYear Meeting was addressed. Eric suggested about 1:00 pm on Monday  
133 through 3:00 pm on Tuesday with nominal fee charged and all expenses included.  
134 Tentatively considering October 29 and 30. Open to all members. Round table  
135 discussions of issues and how to achieve regional cooperation and eliminate silos.  
136 Ed Flynn, Roland Dartes and Mike Renatza and Tom Ed McHugh to be invited.  
137 State preparedness approach on Monday afternoon and discussions on Tuesday.  
138 Registration fee of \$25. Discussion ensued of using SHSP money by GOHSEP.

139 GOHSEP to pick up the rooms and registration fee. Approximately \$200 per  
140 person for 64 parishes funded by GOHSEP.

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142 J. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

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144 No report.

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146 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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148 A. ACTION ITEM REVIEW FROM PRIOR MEETING

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150 Jim Polk reported that the iphone App is ready for review. Droid and ipad within  
151 next few weeks.

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153 Rick Webre reported that the categorization of LEM personnel is ongoing.

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155 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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157 A. 2013 LEPA/GOHSEP WORKSHOP AND GULF STATES HURRICANE  
158 CONFERENCE

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160 Nothing further.

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162 B. BOARD MEMBER ABSENTEEISM

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164 Deferred to next meeting.

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166 C. ACTION ITEM DEVELOPMENT FROM CURRENT MEETING

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168 Eric to look at breakout sessions for small parish themes for Hurricane  
169 Conference.

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171 Jerry to look into an EMI accredited courses for Hurricane Conference.

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173 Eric to also look at small parish themes for the midyear meeting. Chris Guilbeaux  
174 to look at a THIRA presentation on a midyear and folding into Directors  
175 Conference. Chris and Pat to work on mechanism to pay for October meeting.

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178 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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180 International Conference in Tel Aviv will be held in November. The cost should be  
181 less than \$2,000. The St. Charles Sherriff has attended in the past. Jim Polk is  
182 interested. The vote failed and was pulled.

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184 The meeting adjourned on motion by Eric Deroche.

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186 Respectfully submitted,

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190 Bland O'Connor  
191 Executive Director

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193 **Workshop Committee Meeting Notes**  
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195 Attendees:  
196 Rick Webre  
197 Eric Deroche  
198 Jim Polk  
199 Jerry Monier  
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202 Chris Guilbeaux  
203 Bland O'Connor  
204 Jenny Constantin

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206 Discussion of a FEMA 324 Hurricane Session for 50 people on Monday, Tuesday and  
207 half of Wednesday as a separate registration, EMI programs, etc. Eric noted that he and  
208 Jenny and others did a site visit recently.

209 Discussion of a CEM session in morning and exam in the afternoon.

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211 Discussion of moving the LEPA Workshop to late October. Types of emergencies  
212 specific to Louisiana. Bring vendors into panel discussions of incidents/solutions.

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214 Should we approach Robert Latham and Art Faulkner to suggest we are ready to take  
215 over? Suggestion to bring in Alabama and Mississippi and Louisiana to have a  
216 discussion about going forward. Jenny is meeting with SDMI this coming week.

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218 Split the LEPA and Gulf States Conference, traditional LEPA Monday, Tuesday and one-  
219 half day Wednesday, plus FEMA 324 course during the Hurricane conference. Similar  
220 Hurricane program schedule as last time.