

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **January 18, 2013**
4 **BATON ROUGE, 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 10:02 am. Rick Webre led the pSkip
10 Breeden led the pledge of allegiance and Rick Webre led the prayer. A quorum was
11 present to conduct business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Dexter Accardo
15 Skip Breeden
16 Pat Santos attending for Kevin Davis prior to 1030
17 Kevin Davis arriving 1030
18 Sandy Davis proxy to Dick Gremillion
19 Eric Deroche
20 Kenneth Graham
21 Dick Gremillion
22 Chris Guilbeaux
23 Robert Jump proxy to Eric Deroche
24 Sean Lafleur proxy to Rick Webre
25 Jeff Meyers
26 Tuesday Mills
27 Jerry Monier proxy to Chris Guilbeaux
28 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
29 Jim Polk
30 Karen Price
31 Rick Webre
32 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
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34 **Members Excused:**

35 Tracey Hilburn
36 Dawson Primes
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38 **Members Absent:**

39 Scott Welchel
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41 **Guests:**

42 Bland O'Connor
43 Jenny Constantin
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46 It was noted that Dawson Primes is on military leave of absence.
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 The minutes from the November 9, 2012 Board meeting were addressed. A motion was
52 made by Skip Breeden and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the minutes as presented.
53 The motion passed.

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55 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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57 A. President –Rick Webre

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59 President Rick Webre welcomed all to the meeting. He offered the LERC seat to
60 someone who may be more interested, but his participation on LERC was
61 confirmed. He reported that Stennis has the capacity to open a regional EOC that
62 can withstand Category 5 events. Discussion ensued and little interest was
63 indicated.

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65 B. President Elect – Jim Polk

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67 No report.

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69 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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71 Eric Deroche presented the October 31, 2012 financial statements (Attachment 1).
72 Total assets at October 31, 2012 were \$255,656.54. Total fund balances at
73 October 31, 2012 were \$250,406.54. For the ten months ended October 31, 2012
74 receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,501.81.

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76 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion to
77 accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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79 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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81 A. AWARDS – Jenny Constantin for Jerry Monier

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83 The call will be out soon.

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85 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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87 Rick Webre presented the applications that the Committee has reviewed.

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89 Paul Frasier, III, Director of Operations Gulf States Dive and Rescue, has applied
90 for an LEM Technical. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and
91 seconded by Jim Polk to approve the application. The motion passed.

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93 Eisenager....Chris G. seconded by Skip B.

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95 Chris Boudreaux applied for upgraded certification as an LEM PRO. A motion
96 was made by Skip Breeden and seconded Jim Polk to approve the application.
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Jeffrey Giering, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, has applied for LEM PRO. A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and seconded Tuesday Mills to approve the application. The motion passed.

Pam Roussel, Region 3 Coordinator for GOHSEP applied for LEM PRO. A motion was made by Jim Polk and seconded by Chris Guilbeaux to approve the application. The motion passed.

Anthony Summers has applied at the LEM Basic level. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and second Tuesday Mills to approve the application. The motion passed.

Jonathan Adams A motion was made by Skip Breeden and seconded by Jim Polk to approve.

It was noted that an application deadline of one week before the Board meeting should be set.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No report.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

No report.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur

Dave Brown will be giving up his position and will introduce his replacement at the next Board meeting.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

No report.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Tuesday noted that the numbers are currently low due to being in the middle of renewal process. She believes membership may be down this year because of public budget cuts.

H. NOMINATING – Jim Polk

No report.

I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

146 Eric reported that the Committee recently had a site visit to the Hotel and . The
147 President's reception is expected to be at Manning's and the GSHC Welcome
148 reception will be at the Foundry.

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150 Planning for the LEPA portion of the meeting is about 90% complete. The Golf
151 Tournament will be at Audubon Park.

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153 For GSHC, the call for papers will be out soon. Slosh modeling is a topic that has
154 been discussed. Surge and inundation modeling is being worked on for future
155 reporting.

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157 Discussion of Hurricane Sandy field visits by Dexter Accardo and Chris
158 Guilbeaux.

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160 The Call for Presentations has been issued.

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162 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

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164 Dick Gremillion reported that a Regional Directors' meeting was held in
165 December. GOHSEP is at pre-Katrina levels of staffing, which has the Directors
166 concerned. Funding mechanisms for Offices of Homeland Security and
167 Emergency Preparedness is a concern. Kevin Davis pointed out that cutbacks are
168 being experienced throughout the country. Dick pointed out that Federal Funds
169 are dropping off and he expects to be at pre-2001 funding levels soon. Gene
170 Dunnegan said to let him know about all call problems related to the hazmat
171 hotline.

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173 V. OLD BUSINESS

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175 A. ACTION ITEM REVIEW FROM PRIOR MEETING

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177 1. 2013 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop and 2013 Gulf States Hurricane Conference

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179 2. Conference Events – Golf Tournament, President's Reception, and Welcome
180 Reception

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182 3. Develop agenda for Mid Year Meeting – review Mid Year Meeting

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184 4. Look at 2012 instances and review for topics at 2013 Gulf States Hurricane
185 Conference

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187 5. Strategic Planning Meeting update

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189 Potential topics of discussion from prior Strategic Plan were discussed. A truly
190 accurate count of who is attending is needed.

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192 6. Update on LEPA app

193 Jim Polk reported that the last correspondence he has had was September 9th.

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Brant Mitchell needs to be consulted.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON THE LOUISIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
2013 POSITION

B. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dexter Accardo briefly discussed the debris cleanup litigation that his parish has been involved with.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O'Connor
Executive Director