



**LEPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 18, 2018 – 10:00 AM**  
**Oatland Island Wildlife Center**



- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** ..... Randall Mathews
- II. **Roll Call & Introduction of Guest** ..... Randall Mathews
- III. **Minutes Review** ..... Stephanie Cox
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** ..... Stephanie Cox
 

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Disbursements	0.00
<b>Current Account Balance (06/30/2018)</b>	<b>18,668.60</b>
- V. **General Membership Comments** ..... Randall Mathews
- VI. **Old Business**
- VII. **New Business**
  - Subcommittee Reports ..... Randall Mathews/Sub-chairs
    - ❖ Training and Exercise ..... Vacant
    - ❖ By-Laws/Steering ..... Tom Dolan
    - ❖ Grants and Finance ..... Stephanie Cox
    - ❖ Support and Development ..... Greg Rouse
    - ❖ Outreach ..... Steve Thompson
    - ❖ Emergency Response ..... James Vickers
  - Membership Application ..... Randall Mathews
    - ❖ Georgia Freightways Corporation
    - ❖ MBZ Industrial
    - ❖ R.B. Baker Construction
    - ❖ Shaw Industries, Inc.
  - Stop the Bleed ..... Michael Whiteaker
  - Agency Spotlight ..... Randall Mathews
- VIII. **Closing:** ..... Next Meeting, September 19, 2018 at 10 am  
 Savannah Civic Center, Mason Room



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**Call to Order**

Randall Mathews called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on July 18, 2018.

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

Roll call was conducted from the member roster. A total of 17 member agencies were present, therefore there is a quorum.

**Guests**

- MBZ – Ashley Bush
- Shaw Industries – Crystal Whitehead
- CEMA Intern – Brendan Smith
- R.B. Baker Construction – Colton Ginn

**Minutes Review**

May minute meetings were reviewed by Randall Mathews. No comments were made. Motion was made to accept minutes. Motion was seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for the May meeting was reviewed by the LEPC:

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Treasurer's report was reviewed by Stephanie Cox. No comments were made. Motion made to accept the Treasure's Report. Motion was seconded. Minutes were approved.



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**Membership Comments**

- EMD – requested information on what to do with leftover pallets. Mitsubishi discussed their pallet disposal with a company in Okatie that hauls them away and turns them into mulch. Mitsubishi employs a person full time to oversee the breakdown and disposal of the pallets. There isn't an on-going disposal program for the plastic pallets. Kory will send out information to members that requested it to see if they can help with the pallets.
- USCG – Area Committee meeting to discuss waterside facility environmental matter and updates to the area contingency plan will be held Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. All local stakeholders are invited. –
- 165<sup>th</sup> Airwing – Air Guard has been training for hurricane season. They are still waiting on reports regarding the C130 crash. There is a long process with cleanup and inventorying the debris from a crash site to determine what the cause was. It could be at least a year before a final report is released.
- Mitsubishi – retrieved packing peanuts from a flooded manway. They were able to retrieve the packing peanuts prior to them flooding into the pond on the Mitsubishi supersite. The peanuts were moved by the wind into the storm water drain. Floor drains are being tested to ensure the drains are flowing properly and not into the pond.
- City of Savannah Emergency Preparedness – there have been at least 4 gas leaks in the past few months. What kind of campaigning is being completed to encourage people to dial 811 before they dig? The City is preparing for hurricane season by training their incident management teams and integrating with the county.
- Chatham County Floodplain Department – Chatham County will be adopting the new flood maps on August 16, 2018. This may affect flood insurance; however, the new rate should not go into effect until policies are renewed. Individuals will need to contact their agents for specific information on the policies. The building community is looking forward to the new maps because it is changing the building codes in some areas. There is concern that the new flood maps may cause a decrease of coverage in areas that could still see flooding in a larger hurricane situation. Chatham County has updated its flood ordinances, if communities don't stay compliant in the National Flood Insurance Program, it could cause issues with homeowner in those areas. Chatham County is working to update the new ordinances to increase the freeboard to 3 feet over FEMA's standard as an additional safety factor.
- Memorial Health Systems – under the new partnership, there has been a heavy recruitment for nurses. There have also been several exercises (HazMat, Active Shooter, etc.) with the new partnership. Region J is scheduled for a re-assessment of the Memorial Health facility for

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**Chairman** – Randall Mathews, Chatham EMA

**Vice Chairman** – Pete Liakakis, Owner, United Detective Agency

**Treasurer** – Stephanie Cox, Chatham EMA

**Secretary** – Stephanie Cox, Chatham EMA

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Ebola assessments. There have been no active cases of Ebola reported here, the awareness is being raised due to the reports coming from the Congo.

- Pete Liakakis – reiterated the importance of the new floodplain information and disseminating it to the public and builders.
- Chatham Emergency Services – working on the Safe Family initiative where they install smoke alarms in homes and provide education on preventing fires. They have recently adopted the State’s program and will begin working with communities and schools to push out the initiative. With current building standards, the rate of burning of a house is very high because of the types of materials used when building homes. Recruit school will begin in September for new emergency personnel. Applications are available online. They are also preparing for a state compliance audit. A community risk reduction trailer is also planned for the future.
- CEMA – hurricane season has officially began. The State has adopted a new re-entry policy. All future applications will need to be routed through the state for approval. Re-entry has moved to a 5 phase approach (1,2,3,4,5). Everyone needs a permit, the green permits are being phased out. A Sea Level Grant has been approved between CEMA, City of Savannah and Georgia Tech. The grant will allow additional sea level rise gauges to be placed around the county to garner additional information regarding flooding and which bridges have been impacted by water and will need to be inspected. This technology will also allow for sensors to monitor other things as well. The network that is established will allow for the different monitoring. CEMA is also working with Georgia Tech on a Business Continuity Plan Forum to assist local partners with creating and maintaining a continuity plan. The GIS conference was very exciting with the amount of technology that will directly impact emergency management. Many of the different tools will allow for more communication with the public on the status of the county.

**New Business**

- Subcommittee Reports
  - No Reports
- Membership Applications
  - MBZ Industrial – membership was approved
    - Interested in how they can help, and what they can assist in providing. Great opportunity to learn between all the industries. MBZ has worked with Fort Pulaski to ensure the visitor’s center is protected.



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- R.B. Baker Construction – membership was approved
  - Based out of Garden City, asphalt paving company. Company has mobile mechanic units that can be dispersed as needed.
- Shaw Industries, Inc. – membership was approved
  - Wanting to get more involved in the community.

**Presentation**

CEMA Internship Overview on projects performed to assist CEMA with preparedness for hurricane season.

**Old Business**

None

**Closing**

- Meeting schedule – the September 19, 2018 LEPC meeting will be at the Savannah Civic Center in the Mason Room.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

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