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EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 876 meeting of the SNCA was held on March 1, 2023 at the Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was hosted by Invista (Orange).

President Tim Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Scott McDonald (BASF) led the membership in an invocation. President Ocnaschek (BPD) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board Members Tommy Shelton (Goodyear), Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6), Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer) and Sharon Whitley (HCHD) were excused.

Self-Introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized host Invista representatives Bruce Stone and Justin Pittman who welcomed the SNCA membership.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the February 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes sent out via email and asked if there were any corrections, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Scott McDonald (BASF) motioned to accept the Minutes and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

E-VOTE: - There was an E-Vote sent out to the Board of Directors on February 7th approving Brian Schmidt, former member, and President of the SNCA, an honorary member to the Association. There was a majority approval vote and vote passed. Congratulations Brian!

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Ocnaschek conducted the first reading of SNCA membership request of an Industrial Facility/Utility/Non-Voting member from Golden Triangle Polymers and the associated sponsor letter from Jerry Ziller (Chevron Phillips – Orange). Currently GTP is under construction in Orange in the area called “chemical row” and scheduled to complete in 2026.

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer C. Gonzales (JCESD#1) to present the Treasurer’s Report:

Current Checking Balance	\$79,075.52
CD #2	\$5,186.59
Combined Funding Balance	\$84,262.11

President Ocnaschek then asked for approval of the Treasurer’s Report as read. A motion was made by Louie Havens (PAFD) to accept the Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) explained to the membership of outstanding dues and there was a spreadsheet located on the sign-in table for members to look at during the break. If there is anyone that feel there is a mistake and their organization is current with dues to see him.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek explained at the February SNCA meeting the first reading of membership request by DRC was conducted. DRC’s request is now ready for general membership vote and asked for a motion to accept DRC as a Vendor/Sales Company/Non-Voting member. A motion was made by Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM) and seconded by Larry McBride ((Jasper Co. ESD#1). There was no opposition to the motion, motioned passed.
- President Ocnaschek explained also at the February meeting the first reading of membership request by Lamar Resiliency was conducted and they too are ready for a general membership vote and asked for a motion to accept Lamar Resiliency as an Exempt Government and NGOs/Non-Voting member. A motion was made by Lance Billeaud (GFD) and seconded by Michael Fratus (PAPD). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Reminder of the Axon Road Show on April 17th 10:00-14:00 at the Beaumont Event Centre.
- Jeremy Hansen (JCESD#4) reminded the membership that he has stepped down as Fire Chief of Jefferson County E.S.D. #4 due to work load and that David Stacey is currently the interim Fire Chief. The ESD #4 Board of Directors will announce a permanent Chief in the weeks to come. Jeremy also took the opportunity to recognize Mike White, former Jefferson County Emergency Coordinator for his outstanding work he did while in the EM office and his assistance with multiple emergencies in the county and ESD#4's district.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES: It was verified there was no media in the room.
SNCA Activations since last BOD – 6
SNCA Activations YTD - 6

Industry: None
Municipal Fire:

- 1/24/23 – Lumberton Fire Dept. requested mutual aid assistance from Silsbee Fire Dept. with a structure fire.
- 2/12/23 - Kountze Fire Dept. requested mutual aid assistance from Silsbee Fire Dept. with a structure fire.
- 2/13/23 – Silsbee Fire Dept. requested assistance from Kountze and Lumberton Fire Dept. on a structure fire.
- 2/21/23 – Silsbee Fire Dept., Kountze Fire Dept. and State Game Warden's office assisted Hardin County Sheriffs Dept. in the search for a missing person on Village Creek.
- 2/21/23 – Jefferson County ESD#3 responded to an industrial accident on Hwy #90 and were assisted by Jefferson County ESD#1 and Jefferson County Sheriffs Dept.

Law Enforcement:

- 2/23/23 - Michael Fratus (PAPD) told the membership of a mutual aid response that occurred when an abandoned vehicle was discovered on top of the Veteran's Bridge. Agencies from the Port Arthur Police Dept., Jefferson County Marine Unit and the United States Coast Guard joined forces to search the area waterway.

EMS: None
Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Matt Dulaney - Chairperson
Absent

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Bryan Markland - Chairperson
Absent

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren – Chairperson
Absent

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - A list of items is being submitted to Jux monthly that are right at 2 hours of work, which is what we are contracted for monthly. We are getting close to catching up some of the old missing items and hope to begin to do some redesigning, etc. The Anniversary Committee will also begin working on this.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens -
Chairperson – No report

COMMUNICATIONS: Brian Hebert – Chairperson
Absent

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

- Review your inventory on a regular basis. Let Chair Grimes know if you need to add anything that is not listed in the Inventory. The SNCA Mutual Aid Events is complete. When you sign in to your agency's account the events are located at the top right of the screen. Click on the event to view it.
- The Industrial Foam Inventory, SNCA Radio Test list, and update agency information and Inventory instructions are located on the left side of the home page.

Database: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

- If you are not receiving email and text notifications from SNCA please let Chair Grimes know. Email and text notifications go out before every meeting. If your Primary Member or Alternate member changes, please let Chair Grimes know so that we can update the distribution list.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson

Upcoming March training;

March 28th: G191 ICS-EOC Interface. Register on PreparingTexas.org. This course is a pre-req for anyone wanting to take the upcoming G449 train-the-trainer.

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson – Mike Arnett spoke about the following:

Cybersecurity Incident Management Theme

Date: April 12, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM CST

Event Address: 506 Dolorosa St, San Antonio, TX 78204

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/8dPmRdFvTN>

Virtual Attendance Link: Sent upon registration completion and approval

This is an unclassified roundtable event for critical manufacturers that is closed to all press.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea - Chairperson
Nothing to report at this time.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - Our 20th annual tournament is getting close. Friday April 28th. As of the meeting there was 9 teams committee (4 paid), and four hole sponsors. We have a long way to get to our end goal. We are in need of the following: Team Registrations, Hole Sponsorships, Cooking teams, team prizes, and door prizes. We need everyone's support to make this another wonderful event. Reminder that all proceeds go to LIT scholarships for first responder degrees. Please let Stephanie know if you are interested in any of the above noted items. Her cell is 409-284-3026.

Remember it takes everyone to make this event a success.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - 75th Anniversary celebration is in the works. A venue is being determined within the month and a proposed budget will be presented to the Board and then membership for approval. The Committee would like to begin ordering items as soon as possible.

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson
Nothing to report

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson
Absent

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson
Chair Ocnaschek told the membership that three individuals will be traveling to the symposium in California

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson
Chair McDonald reported that the Industrial committee met on the 22nd of February with 11 facilities represented. Tommy Wells at Energy Transfer was the host and provided a site tour for the attendee's. Information brought to the membership from our meeting included plans on a water demand drill which has different challenges that are being explored and a dry response drill that is in the early stages of planning. The dry response drill will consist of an SNCA activation and a neutral location for assets to respond to and stage. The event would be timed and agencies would be given the opportunity to discover connectivity needs as well as capabilities of equipment in the staging area. The Industrial committee will be asking for full membership participation in this drill. Also Chair McDonald assured the SNCA that all information that impacts the membership will be shared at the monthly meetings. A reminder was also given that any Industrial member of the SNCA that is not getting the meeting invites for the committee should contact Chair McDonald at Scott.McDonald@basf.com. The 2nd Quarter meeting will be hosted by Golden Pass LNG (Dwayne Staudenmier) in May. A meeting invitation will be sent out next week.

ATTENDEES:

See attached sign-in sheets.

PROGRAM: Justin Pittman (EHS Manager) Invista provided a in depth look into the Invista Company and its products.

Upcoming 2023 Meeting Host

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Meeting Host 2023	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
ExxonMobil - Beaumont Complex	874	January 4, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
Solvay Specialty Polymers	875	February 1, 2023	Courville's
Invista	876	March 1, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
Medical Center Southeast Texas	877	April 5, 2023	Medical Center Southeast Texas
West Orange Fire Department	878	May 3, 2023	Robert's Meat Market (Orange)
Indorama Ventures Oxides	879	June 7, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	880	July 5, 2023	Courville's
Lion Elastomers Port Neches- (ISP)(Ashland)	881	August 2, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
OCI	882	September 6, 2023	Courville's
Phillips 66 (Chevron-UGT Pipeline)	883	October 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Monument Chemicals (KMTEX)	884	November 1, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Suez (Water Technologies & Solutions)	885	December 6, 2023	Courville's

NEXT MEETING: The 877th will be April 5th, hosted by Medical Center Southeast Texas.
Location – Medical Center Southeast Texas.

ADJOURN:

President Ocnashek requested for a motion to adjourn. Louie Havens made the motion to adjoin and seconded by Scott McDonald. There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed, meeting was adjourned.

Tim Ocnashek
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Tommy Shelton
Vice President

Chris Gonzales
Secretary/Treasurer