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Health Director 13-14

AUGUST 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 779th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6th, 2014 at Rockin A Cafe- 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas (409-842-0010/ fax 409-840-6272)

Brad Pennison gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matt McCallon with CenterPoint Energy welcomed the group.

The following SNCA Officer was excused: Charlie Kosh

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LIT is dedicating the 2014 Salute to American Heroes to the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association and encouraged members to attend. RSVPs are requested.

Bryant Champagne recommended a standard protocol be implemented with LIT (Joann Brown) that SNCA sponsored scholarship recipients provide a letter of acknowledgement to the Association noting the benefits realized. The Board agreed this would be beneficial for the Association. On Tuesday, August 05, 2014, Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek coordinated that protocol with Joann Brown and LIT.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Continuation of Correspondence:

Jacquelynn Conger emailed the Association a “Save the Date” regarding Axes and Shields Police/Fire competition scheduled for 4/11/2015 at the Wellness Center in Beaumont, at 3030 North St. They are hoping for expanded participation in 2015. The flyer was sent to the Association in email.

The Treasurer’s information is presented with the assistance of Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD.

Financials as of August 4, 2014:

Checking	\$26,564.65
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u>\$36,630.53</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek read the financial report, and President Owens asked for a motion to approve it. Jeff Wilmore made the motion to approve the financials and Cindy Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek was asked to discuss several member organizations currently identified as “Voting” which are actually ineligible to vote based on the Constitution. They are eligible to be “Non-Voting” members. These include: GE Energy Water & Process Technologies, Oil Tanking Beaumont, and Sasol. These organizations lack the deployable resources required by the Constitution for voting members. Communication was established with each organization to verify voting status eligibility. Klark Spencer with GE Water advised they have no inventory to add to the database and will voluntarily change to nonvoting status. Pat spoke with Aaron Strain of Oil Tanking Beaumont who advised he does not have inventory to add to the database and wishes to go to nonvoting status similar to Oil Tanking Port Neches. Oil Tanking Port Neches is already a Non-voting member. James Prater with Sasol (previously Merisol U.S.A) advised they are a very small facility and do not have any inventory that could be used in an emergency. James already thought they were non voting members and asked to be placed in a nonvoting member status. The Board recommended membership make the noted adjustments. A motion was made by Jeff Kelley and seconded by Gary Collins that GE Energy Water & Process Technologies, Oil Tanking Beaumont, and Sasol be reclassified as Non-Voting members. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek was also asked to discuss several member organizations currently identified as “Non-Voting” are qualified to be “Voting” members in accordance with the Constitution. Members, to include American Red Cross, Cottonwood Energy, GT Logistics, and Texas General Land Office, have resources available for 24 hour deployment, and the only members not Constitutionally eligible for voting status include honorary or vendor or sales companies. Additionally, National Weather Service was discussed. The Board agreed that plume modeling technology and weather forecasting service constituted critical resources in this case. These two resources are accessible by phone, radio, or deployable to member Emergency Operations Centers on a 24 hour basis, and thus constitute a deployable resource in line with the Constitution. An excerpt from the definitions is included: [Voting Member: The authorized representative of any agency, company,

entity, organization, or group that can physically respond to emergencies with vehicles, apparatus, equipment, materials, or personnel anywhere in the membership area as defined on a 24 hour basis other than a member classified as honorary, a vendor or sales company...] The Board recommended membership make the noted adjustments. A motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Cindy Powers that American Red Cross, Cottonwood Energy, GT Logistics, Texas General Land Office, and the National Weather Service be reclassified as Voting members. Motion passed.

President Owens advised membership that a regional initiative is underway to update mutual aid agreements between governmental agencies based on changes to the Statewide mutual aid legislation and a proposed regional Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) for SETPRC. There is concern by the Board that the updates have the potential to impact the SNCA mutual aid process and that adjustment to the SNCA process or Constitutional language may be needed to protect the organization and members. Fortunately, historical records indicate that the potential changes potentially needed would have had minimal, if any, impact on past operational costs. A regional MAA coordination meeting has been scheduled for August 7, at 1:30 pm. Board members with government affiliation are already scheduled to be at the meeting. The Board recommended that several Board members from various member organizations, such as ESD/VFD, Industry, and Health, who were not previously involved in the regional MAA process to attend the meeting to bring their perspectives and advice back to the membership, specifically named were Bryant Champagne, Charlie Kosh, Tommy Wells, and Stephanie Garsea. These could be appointed by the membership to represent the Association in impending regional MAA meetings and bring back information to the Board for discussion. During membership discussion, it was reemphasized that no action was being taken to change the constitution, it was just an opportunity to make sure information was obtained. Additionally, a request was made to add John Durkay with ISTC to the representatives. A motion was made by Jeff Wilmore and seconded by Steve Curran to appoint the noted representatives to bring back information to the Board and membership for discussion. Motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed. Bryant Champagne mentioned the benefits of a multi-stage ram for expediting extrications. Darryl Irvin (Beaumont Public Health) provided a Public Health briefing regarding current status of West Nile, and a briefing regarding Ebola. Cindy Powers (Christus St. Elizabeth) thanked Public Health Departments for their help in taking some strain off the hospitals with their programs. Then Bob Stegall (USCG) provided a brief overview of the Syrian vessel hazmat delivery in Port Arthur recently.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Matt Dulaney gave a short presentation on the upcoming elections which will be held in December. He has Mark Landry and Scott McDonald assisting with the committee. Matt went over protocols for submitting nominations for the Board of Directors. Anyone wanting to nominate someone for one of the upcoming positions should have the nomination in by noon of the first Wednesday, November 2014. Anyone with questions on nominations or the election should contact Matt.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Currently drafting some small changes and formating issues requested by the Board regarding membership classifications and voting clarifications. These will be reviewed by the Board and then the membership.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy congratulated the 2014 Port Security Grant funding award recipients which brings in about \$3.1 million to

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

Chief Curran mentioned that the grant funding was mostly targeted at communication-related projects, including IR sites in Hardin County and Port Arthur, radio maintenance funding for the region, and remaining repeater upgrades needed for the regional system. Special appreciation was announced for Pat Grimes and the extensive time and effort he has given to updating the inventory and membership database and contacts.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Nomination are due by the September general meeting. Nomination form was sent out to membership by SNCA email on 8/6/2014.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

RSVPs will begin at the next meeting. Event to be held on December 1st, the first Monday in December, starting at 6PM at the Groves Activity Center.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

The next meeting will be a Strategic Planning meeting, and then Oil Tanking Port Neches which is hosting the October meeting will provide that program.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM:

Matt McCallon and Tara Vincent with CenterPoint Energy provided a very informative PowerPoint presentation regarding their operations in this district.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2014 and early 2015.

Host Member	Month	Year
24HR Safety (Strategic Planning Meeting)	January	2015
Labelle-Fannett and Cheek VFD	February	2015
Beaumont Water Utilities	March	2015
Lucite International (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2015
Baptist Hospital	May	2015
SASOL (formerly Merisol)	June	2014
Shell Pipeline (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2014
CenterPoint Energy	August	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service SNCA	September	2014
OilTanking Port Neches	October	2014
Chevron –UGT Pipeline	November	2014
KMTEX	December	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 91 attendees at this meeting, up from 74 at the previous meeting: 50 Voting; 15 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary; 23 member agencies attendees; and 3 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Dale Jackson and seconded by Aleta Cappen to adjourn the 779th meeting at 11:07 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The September 3rd, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by the SNCA at Catfish Cabin, located at 192 LHS Drive (HWY 69N), Lumberton, TX 77657; (409-755-6800)