



Rockdale County LEPC
Minutes of the Meeting of the LEPC
February 3, 2025
1:05 PM – 2:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

J.P. Carr Community Center
983 Taylor St., Conyers, GA 30012

Present at Meeting:

CEO JaNice VanNess
Hannah Yahne, Citizen
Charlotte Gellert, Citizen
George Kelecheck, RSWCD/UOBAC
Paul Thomas, Hill Phoenix
Cory D. Tanner, Acuity Brands
Dexter Porter, BioLab, Inc.
Jacoby Cladon, BioLab, Inc.
Larry Tyler, LioChem, Inc.
Kelly Manning, BDI
Drake Kilpatrick, Piedmont Hospital (Rockdale)
John Bandzul, National EMS
Robert Hughes, Restoration Storehouse
Bill O'Neil, American Red Cross
Pamela Kirkland, GA Public Broadcasting
Rebecca Hill, GA International Horse Park
Sue Sanders, BOC
Claudette Rancifer, RDOT
Richard Pickens, RCFR
Nick Lynn, RCFR
James Robinson, RCFR
Quantavius Garcia, Conyers PD
Kim Lucas, Conyers PD
Billy Burrel, RCSO
Phil Budensiek, RCPS
Devon Proctor, GNR Public Health
Sharon Webb, Rockdale County EMA
Elizabeth White, Rockdale County EMA
Gerald Woodridge, Rockdale County EMA
Melody Hardwick, DEMST

The kickoff meeting of the Rockdale County LEPC was called to order at 1:05 PM on February 3, 2025 at J.P. Carr Community Center by Rockdale County EMA / Gerald Woodridge Jr.

Welcome/ Open Meeting / Introductions

Welcome

Gerald Woodridge Jr. / Rockdale County EMA

Open Action Items

No Open Action Items.

New Business

The group viewed an overview of the LEPC. This overview discussed the purpose and mission statement, a brochure that the previous LEPC drafted. The LEPC also was made aware of key roles and responsibilities of those roles that were drafted by the previous LEPC in 2019.

There is an election to be held at the March Meeting to fill the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. The LEPC will also review and provide comments and suggestions for the By-laws and brochure. The LEPC will begin to form subcommittees and prioritize tasks for completion.

Mr. Kelecheck asked a few open-ended questions:

1. Who was funding the RCFR LEPC?
2. How will the LEPC work with the hospital (Piedmont-Rockdale)?
3. How have we collaborated / teamed up with other LEPCS in the past? Other local agencies and organizations?
4. What will communication look like between the LEPC and first responders? Government?
 - a. Who is speaking to us on behalf of the LEPC?
5. Are we planning and considering cyber incidents? Infrastructure failure?
6. Can we include GDOT and GA Power in future meetings.
7. What is the schools plan for hazmat incidents, if something happens?

For the next meeting, attendees from this meeting will receive an invite for all meeting dates in 2025, as well as the minutes from the kickoff meeting. They will receive a draft copy of the by-laws from 2019 to review as well.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on March 3, 2025 at:

CE Steele Community Center

1040 Oakland Ave SE

Conyers, GA 30012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM by Gerald Woodridge Jr. / Rockdale County EMA