

Joint Benton-Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee March 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting was called to order by Jordan Hanes, Franklin County Emergency Management at 10:03 a.m.

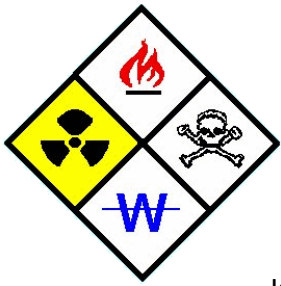
B. LEPC Members Present:

In Person:

Jordan Hanes, Franklin County Emergency Management
Heather Noles, Franklin County Emergency Management
AJ Lackey, Transportation Security Administration
Sandi Duffey, Adams County Emergency Management
Carli Luppold, Benton County Emergency Management
Deanna Davis, Benton County Emergency Management
Kelly Gilchrist, Department of Ecology
Tony Bench, Benton County Emergency Management
Jean Schalasky, Lourdes Health
Maaikie Rortleever, Lineage Logistics
Brent Keseman, CHS Transportation
Alex Plummer, Tidewater
Kelly Harding, Tidewater
Steven Strayer, Marathon Pipeline
Dan Anderson, Marathon Pipeline
Steve Tracey, Tidewater
Megan Woods, Franklin County Emergency Management
Ken Woffenden, Connell Fire Department
Brad Peterson, Lamb Weston
Cory Kaip, Lamb Weston
David Li, Lamb Weston
Mike Harris, Franklin County Fire District #3
Roberto Castanedo, Pasco Processing

Virtual:

Sooze Mensik, 10th Homeland Response Force
Jose Medina, Lamb Weston
Lance Ahlgren, Connell Oil
Jen Carson, Verdesian Life Service
Tony Searls, Lamb Weston
Scott LoParco, Benton County Fire District #1
Sarah Ellis, Energy Northwest
Diane Fowler, Department of Ecology
Samantha Sanchez, Red Cross
Jami Lewis, SE Aging & Long Term Care



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Jared Simons, Nutrien
Douglas Frenette, US Ecology
Calab Baker, Autozone
Kathy Wyatt, Lamb Weston
Jose Herrera, Lamb Weston
Beki Hammons, Kadlec
Tom Vroman, EPA Region 10
Raul Martinez, Twin City Foods
Grey Kesterson, Lamb Weston
Ryan Abbott, Racom
Eli Elisondo, Christensen
Wally Wailullah, Amazon
Chris Mortensen, Pasco Fire Department
Don Lathim, Twin City Foods

C. New Business

1. Mike Harris motioned to approve minutes from the September 5, 2024, meeting as presented. Steve Tracey seconded the motion, no discussion, motion approved unanimously.
2. Election of new Officers
 - a. Chris Mortensen self-nominated for the LEPC Chairman for the calendar year 2025 – no other nominations were made. LEPC members voted unanimously in favor of Chris Mortensen’s appointment as chairman.
 - b. Eli Elisondo self-nominated for the Vice Chairman for calendar year 2025 – no other nominations were made. LEPC members voted unanimously in favor of Eli Elisondo’s appointment.
3. Approval of Amended Bylaws
 - a. Benton County Bylaws – Eli Elisondo motioned to approve the Benton County Bylaws as written. Maaike Rortleever seconded the motion, no discussion, motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Franklin County Bylaws – Dan Anderson motioned to approve the Franklin County Bylaws as written. Kelly Harding seconded the motion, no discussion, motion approved unanimously.
4. Steve Strayer and Dan Anderson presented on Marathon Pipeline’s new butane system that was recently installed in Pasco.
5. SERC Update –
 - a. Jordan Hanes shared with the LEPC that the Department of Ecology has the updated SERC membership list on the website [State Emergency Response Commission - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)

Jordan Hanes also shared 2025 Hazmat Workshop registration link is live. The



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link is shared here: [2025 Workshop Flyer.pdf](#)

- b. Mike Harris updated the LEPCs on the status of a Hazmat study being conducted and explained more on what the 2025 Hazmat Workshop is. Mike Harris also updated the LEPC of the LEPC-TEPC Conference and Hazamat workshop being held April 29-May 1, 2025 in Wenatchee, WA. [WA EMD](#)

- 6. Tier II reporting update and information was provided by Diane Fowler.
- 7. Round table
 - a. Deanna Davis spoke about an event in 2024 involving Anhydrous Ammonia.
 - b. Jordan Hanes spoke about 3 spill events in Franklin County
 - 1. Private - 230 gal of vegetable oil 01/22/25
 - 2. BNSF - gas unknown amount 01/11/25
 - 3. BNSF - 2 engine derailment, no spill, 01/16/25
 - c. Diane Fowler shared the Washington State Emergency Response Commission Emergency Release Follow-up Notification Form: [Washington State Emergency Response Commission Emergency Release Follow-up Notification Form \(EPCRA\)](#)

- 8. Next Benton/Franklin County LEPC Meeting:

**June 5th, 2025
10:00 am – Benton County EOC
651 Truman Ave, Richland 99352**

D. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.













Benton / Franklin County LEPC
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Franklin County ECC
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Name (please print)	Organization	Signature
Jordan Hanes	FCEM	
Heather Niles	FCEM	
AS Lackey	TSA	
Sandi Duffey	ACEM	
Cami Luppold	BCEM	
Deanna Davis	BCEM	
Kelly Gilchrist	Dept of Ecology	
Tony Beach	BCEM	
Sean Schlosky	Hounded Health	
MARILYN KORTLEEVER	Lineage	
BRENT KESEMAN	CHS	
Alex Plummer	Tidewater	
Kelly Harding	Tidewater	



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Dan Anderson	MPC	
STEVE TRACEY	TIDEWATER	
Megan Woods	FCEM	
Ken Waffender	CFD	
Brook Utson	Lamb Weston	
Cory Kump	"	
David Li	"	
Mike Harris	Franklin FDS	
Roberto Costarelli	Pasco Proccina	
Sooze Mensik	10th HRF, LNO	Online
Jose Medina	Lamb Weston	Online
Lance Ahlgren	Connell Oil	Online



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Tony Searls	Lamb Weston	Online
Scott LoParco	BCFDA	Online
Sarah Ellis	Energy Northwest	Online
Diane Fowler	Dept of Ecology	Online
Samantha Sanchez	Red Cross	" "
Jami Lewis	SE Aging + Long Term	" "
Kent McCue	City of Pasco	" "
Amanda Ahlgren	Benton County Aging + Long Term Care	" "
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Beki Hammons	Kadlec	" "
Tom Vroman	EPA Region 10	" "
Raul Martinez	Twin City Foods	" "
Arey Kesterson	Lamb Weston	" "
Ryan Abbott	Racam	" "
Eli Elisondo	Christensen	" "
Wally Wailullah	Amazon	" "
Chris Martensen	Pasco Fire	" "
Don Lathim	Twin City Foods	" "