

**Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and  
Emergency Preparedness Directors Subcommittee**  
State of Louisiana

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR



EARL EUES  
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM  
GOHSEP Headquarters  
7667 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

**ATTENDEES**

Earl Eues, Joe Ganote, Brian Spillman, Dawson Primes, Lee John, Joe Stewart, Pam Roussel, John Taylor, Kenneth Moore, Dick Gremillion, Lisa Vidrine, James Waskom, Casey Tingle, Christina Dayries, Toni Rochelle, Kevin Breaux, Danielle Aymond, Michael Steele, Sean Wyatt

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**WELCOME \ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting started at 1:01 PM. Earl Eues called the meeting to order completed roll call and welcomed everyone.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dick Gremillion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. Dawson Primes seconded the motion. There were no opposition. The December 12, 2017 minutes were approved.

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**GOHSEP UPDATES**

Director James Waskom

- FY18/19 GOHSEP Executive Budget Highlights:
- Includes:
  - Removing the annual FEMA Debt Payment and instead, funding FY19 and FY20 payments from excess revenue in FY18.
  - \$4.7 million is LWIN upgrades
  - \$145,759 for two (2) new Individual Assistance Officer positions
  - \$96,000 which is half of the Civil Air Patrol operating cost, 85,000 for our state cost share to match our federal grant salary money
  - \$85,000 in required cost share for non disaster mitigation grants
  - \$25,000 for expenses related to non federally declared emergency events
  - \$694,133 for backoffice support by other state agencies and the annual financial audit by LLA
  - \$296,773 for implementation of the DOTD topographic mapping project

- ROC drill for Hurricanes is being held on March 14, 2018, at National Guard Armory, GSRI Road. GOHSEP host the drill but a FEMA planner facilitates the drill. Everyone is encourage to participate in the drill.
- We held a UCG Meeting we have several resources to incorporated into our planning.
- Jim Waskom was appointed to the Cyber Commission by the Governor.
- Jim Waskom nominated Jennifer Reynolds, Webster for the FEMA Regional Advisory Council (RAC) and Prescott Marshall, Iberia for the Emergency Communication Working Group.
- Jim Waskom will be attending NEMA Mid Year Conference in March to speak on long term recovery.
- First Net workshop was held February 20, 2018 and about 25 first responder representatives attended.
- Sean Wyatt was introduced as GOHSEP's new Hazard Mitigation, Assistant Deputy Director.

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### Conference Updates

Christina Dayries

- The National Sheltering and Housing Conference will be being held at the Marriot - New Orleans, April 3-5, 2018.
  - HUD and FEMA representatives will be attending the conference.
  - U.S. State's emergency management and housing offices have been invited to attend.
- GOHSEP and LEPA will partner for the 2018 conferences.
  - LEPA Conference is scheduled for May 14-16, 2018. LEPA has also offered those attending GOHSEP's Conference to attend the LEPA Conference at no cost on May 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1pm.
  - OHSEEP Conference is scheduled for May 17, 2018.
  - Registration information will be sent to all Director's by end of the week.

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### Election of Officers

- Motion was made by Earl Eues and seconded by Dick Gremillion to elect Brian Spillman as Chairman and Rebecca Broussard as Vice Chairman. The Motion was closed by John Rahaim. There was no opposition. Brain Spillman of West Feliciana was elected Chairman and Rebecca Broussard of Vermillion was elected Vice-Chairman.

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### Legislation and Proposal Draft Administrative Rules

Danielle Aymond

- **Volunteer Bill:** will be carried by Representative Foil and co sponsored by Rep. Hodges. We will take what we have developed and give to Rep. Foil's staff then they will make their own edits to make sure that is is what they want. This will continue to develop.

- We have been working at the state level to look at all the state agency that would provide incentives to the volunteer group.  
Examples:
  - A). LANG- teaching pod distribution
  - B). DCFS- sheltering
  - C). GOHSEP- tracking volunteer hours, and donation management
  - D). Red Cross- CPR
  - E). State Police- back ground check
  
- **Emergency Manager Act** – Title 29 – Cemetery Response Task Force just taking responsibility for the bodies. Agree to add to this bill the same powers regarding emergency declarations as the Governor’s bill.
- **Governor’s Disaster Powers-** we have not confirmed sponsor yet.
- **Benefits for the Guard Soldiers-** still being discussed.
- March 7, 2018, the Lt. Governor’s Office will have a meeting with their contact volunteer groups that will fall into recovery in the EOC.
- Session will open up on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Cajun Navy 2016 will be doing some training.

### **FEMA Direct Housing Updates**

Casey Tingle

- Gave an update on the MHUs, numbers are down.
- Tenants will have to pay fifty dollars (\$50) a month until Mid-May

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### **Open Discussion**

Regional Directors gave briefing on upcoming events

Next meeting will be face to face on March 13, 2018 in the OverWatch at GOHSEP Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawson Primes

Motion seconded by Brian Spillman

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM