



EUREKA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

PO BOX 714 · EUREKA · NEVADA · 89316

PHONE: (775) 237-5372

FAX: (775) 522-0909

MINUTES

The Eureka County Local Emergency Planning Committee met in the Eureka County Courthouse on September 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The interactive conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeb Rowley-Chair, Michael Mears, Shealene French, Jayme Halpin, Ray Hodson (Alt), Jeremy Rice (Alt), John Schweble, and Dennis Gordon were present. Sheriff Jesse Watts-Vice Chair, Ken Sanders, and Michael Sharkozy were absent. Tiandra Rushing, Central Nevada Health District, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeb Rowley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Jayme Halpin motioned to approve the agenda; Michael Mears seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jeb Rowley called for public comment; there was none.

MINUTES

Michael Mears motioned to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023 as written; Shealene French seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

SERC OPTE CAPITAL PURCHASES

Chairman Jeb Rowley advised that the Public Work's Office received the three (3) batteries for the extrication equipment and will be receiving the tools in a few weeks.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Chairman Jeb Rowley discussed adding Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator, and Tiandra Rushing (alternate) for the Central Nevada Health District as members under the Other Category. Tiandra Rushing introduced herself to the board. Michael Mears motioned to approve Caleb Cage and Tiandra Rushing as members under the Other Category; Jayme Halpin seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

TRAINING EVENT

Chairman Jeb Rowley discussed the training event that was held August 26, 2023 at the Eureka County Fair Grounds. He advised that Jeremy Rice, Jason Cooley, Kenny Sanders and himself were present. They set up the three-line decontamination tent for an operational deployment perspective and identified the need for a few additional valves for the grey water system. Jeremy Rice and Jeb Rowley both agreed that the decontamination tent is a great asset and a valuable resource.

HAZMAT PLAN EXERCISE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Chairman Jeb Rowley discussed training possibilities and on-site visits with David Bixler at the last LEPC meeting. Jeb stated that Rodney Wright will be visiting on September 6, 2023 to discuss the Annular Solar Eclipse and the required yearly LEPC training. Chairman Jeb Rowley discussed considering the Hazmat

Spill on Pinto Summit to be discussed as the real event to be submitted to SERC for the annual exercise report.

Michael Mears motioned to approve setting November 7, 2023 to review the Hazmat Spill on Pinto Summit. Shealene French seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPDATES

Chairman Jeb Rowley updated the Board on multiple projects being put in place for flooding in Eureka County. He stated that SNC is repairing asphalt on 3rd, Eagle, and 11th Streets, as well as Duck Water Road, and thinks most of work will be completed in the month of September. El Paso Street, Roberts Creek and Three Bars Roads are future mitigation projects being discussed and in the process of moving to the FEMA level.

Chairman Jeb Rowley, discussed his concerns on the upcoming 2023 Solar Eclipse on October 14, 2023. He stated that in 2017, there was a lack of local resources and supplies in rural communities in Idaho, Wyoming, and Oregon due to the number of spectators attending the event. Chairman Rowley welcomed anyone to meet with DEM on September 6, 2023 to discuss preparations for this upcoming event.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Jeb Rowley called for public comment; there was none.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

LEPC Training Exercise, November 7, 2023.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Michael Mears motioned to set the next meeting for November 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.; Shealene French seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Jayne Halpin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 p.m.; Shealene French seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 7, 2023.



Jeb Rowley, LEPC Chair

ATTEST: 

LEPC Secretary