



EUREKA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

The Eureka County Local Emergency Planning Committee met in the Eureka County Courthouse on November 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeb Rowley-Chair, Michael Sharkozy-Commissioner, Jesse Watts-Sheriff, Michael Mears, Kenny Sanders-EMS, Jayme Halpin, Ray Hodson (Alt), Jeremy Rice (Alt), John Schweble were present. Jason Cooley and NOAA representatives were also present. Shalene French, Eric Oaks (Alt.) were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeb Rowley called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

AGENDA

Michael Mears motioned to approve the agenda; Michael Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MINUTES

Kenny Sanders motioned to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023 as written; Michael Mears seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Jesse Watts motioned to approve his resignation as Vice-Chair; Kenny Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

Kenny Sanders motioned to approve appointment of Jayme Halpin as Vice-Chair; Sheriff Jesse Watts seconded motion. Motion carried (9-0).

Kenny Sanders motioned to approve appointment of Julia Annette Hayward as Financial Officer; Michael Sharkozy seconded motion. Motion carried (9-0).

SERC OPTE CAPITAL PURCHASES

Chairman Jeb Rowley noted the extrication equipment tools being implemented in Eureka County Fire Department. He discussed a vehicle incident in Pine Valley that the extrication equipment could have been very helpful if those tools were available. Jeb Rowley stated that next calendar year, it may be helpful to purchase a set of the extrication equipment tools for the town of Crescent Valley for emergency response procedures.

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS

Chairman Jeb Rowley reviewed the incident of the Fuel Tanker accident that occurred on August 13, 2023. He presented a power point, highlighting the flow direction of diesel fuel with pictures of the burnt pup-trailer that caught fire. There was 1,500 yards which is equivalent to 50 loads of contaminated soil that had to be transported to the Lockwood Waste Management plant. GreyMar Environmental Services replaced more material than was taken out as part of the remediation and will be sampling soil for hydro-carbon. Jayme Halpin with the Eureka Fire Department stated that

he used five to ten thousand gallons of water to contain the wildland fire. Sheriff, Jesse Watts noted that the Eureka County Fire Department and Chad Bliss responded immediately on scene and that the water cannon on the water tender was a big factor in preventing the fire from going to a wildland fire. He also stated that the location of the wildland fire was in an isolated area with no impacts on residential or the traveling public. He discussed that the driver of the pup-trailer was the caller to report the tip over making it easy to assess the situation. EMS Director, Kenny Sanders noted a rapid response from Eureka Fire helping with the spread of the wildland fire. Earl Overholser motioned to approve SERC hazardous incident and training; Jayme Halpin seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0). Michael Sharkozy and Sheriff Jesse Watts left the meeting.

NOAA members gave a presentation of their HYSPLIT program for hazardous materials responses. NOAA is capable of sending out the forecast at the provided location within a half hour.

Chairman Jeb Rowley reported there were no significant events that occurred October 14, 2023 during annular eclipse.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Board discussed setting the next meeting for January 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Sheriff Jesse Watts, Vice-Chair representative tendering his resignation.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN DISCUSSION

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

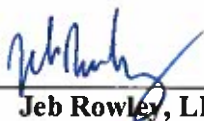
NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items to consider requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

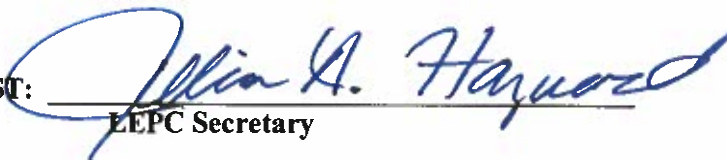
Kenny Sanders motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m.; Earl Overholser seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

APPROVED ON: JANUARY 2, 2024.



Jeb Rowley, LEPC Chair

ATTEST:



LEPC Secretary