

## 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 March 18, 2025 at 12:39 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeb Rowley-Chair, Miles Umina-Vice Chair, Raymond Hodson-Eu County (Alt), Jayme Halpin-Eureka VFD, Maria Menjivar-CNHD Public Health Preparedness Manager, Charles Cobb-ECSO (Alt), Marty Plaskett-Commissioner, Mike Podborny-Lions Club, Nichole Cooley-Medical Services Director, Dennis Gordon-I80 Gold, Jason Cooley-Kinross. Also present, Sharon Montiel-CNHD, Danny Brown-Eureka Fire Chief, Kammy Kinkade-DEM.

Absent were, Michael Mears-Assessor, James Clark-McEwen (Alt), John Glover-School District Representative, Clara Bundy-SO (Alt), David Bixler-Saconix LLC (Alt), Mike Schoenwald-Commissioner (Alt), Tyler Thomas-EUSO (Alt), Jeremy Rice-CV VFD (Alt), Roger Hubbard-EVFD (Alt), Earl Overholser-AEMT (Alt), Shealene French-AEMS Ass. Director (Alt), John Schweble, Jr., NDOT, Lisa Hutchison-School District Representative (Alt).

# CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeb Rowley called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

Jayme Halpin motioned to approve the agenda; Maria Menjivar seconded the Motion. Motion carried (8-0).

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

# **MINUTES**

Jayme Halpin motioned to approve the January 6, 2025 minutes; Michael Podborny seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership updates were made to the First Aid Category replacing Earl Overholser-AEMT (Alt) with Adam Baron and in the Health Category replacing Shaelene French-AEMS Ass. Director with Sharon Montiel representing Central Nevada Health District. Jayme Halpin motioned to approve both updates to the First Aid and Health Categories. Maria Menjivar seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

# SERC OPTE GRANT APPLICATION FY2026

Chairman Rowley discussed five (5) possible scenarios to our LEPC Board for the equipment portion in our FY26 SERC OPTE Grant application. The Board approved scenario one (1) which included two (2) water monitors, seven (7) handheld radios, and four (4) batteries in the sum of \$31,986.33 in the equipment portion in the FY26 SERC OPTE Grant application. Rowley stated that the two (2) water monitors will be placed on the Beowawe Fire Department Water Tender Vehicle and Diamond Valley Fire Department Water Tender Vehicle and will be purchased through LN Curtis. The handheld radios and batteries will be used to replace outdated or non-serviceable radio units currently being used and will

be purchased through 2862 Communications LLC. The Board also approved submitting the FY26 SERC OPTE Grant application to the State before the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 deadline. Jayme Halpin motioned to approve scenario one (1) purchasing two (2) water monitors, seven (7) handheld radios, and four (4) batteries and approving the submittal of the FY26 SERC OPTE Grant application. Charles Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

## **INCIDENTS AND EVENTS**

Chairman Rowley stated that Nevada Gold Mines reported five (5) Hazmat spill reports on mine property. Jason Cooley-Kinross entered the meeting.

## TRAINING, CLASSES, AND EXERCISES

Chairman Rowley, Sheriff Miles Umina, Nichole Cooley-Medical Services Director, and Danny Brown-Eureka Fire Chief highlight the importance of training with the burn trailer to help educate and practice for any emergency responses throughout Eureka County. The LEPC Board agreed to schedule two (2) training courses in Eureka and Crescent Valley with the burn trailer in September 2025. Rowley stated that there will be radio training in the Spring of 2025 that will educate all emergency responders with communications throughout Eureka County. Danny Brown-Eureka Fire Chief and Dennis Gordon-I80 Gold entered the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Rowley informed the LEPC Board that Dennis Pinkerton sent a flyer with the FireShowWest training in Reno, NV with the dates of September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025. Anna Aloma with Rebel Oil sent a Tier II report to update and include in Eureka County's HazMat Plan.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairman Rowley and the LEPC Board set the next meeting date for June 17, 2025 directly following the scheduled BOCC meeting. Jayme Halpin motioned to approve June 17, 2025 as the next meeting date. Michael Podborny seconded the motion. Motion carried (10-0).

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Menjivar with Central Nevada Health District noted that the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nevada Rural Preparedness Conference will be held in Elko, NV on May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the Elko Convention Center. Jeb Rowley advised the LEPC Board that red card training is being held at the Eureka Fire Station on March 18<sup>th</sup> and the Eureka Opera House on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025.

#### **NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Jayme Halpin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 p.m; Michael Podborny seconded the motion. Motion carried (10-0).

APPROVED ON: June 17, 2025 .

Jeb Rowley, LEPC Chair

ATTEST:

Julia Annette Broad, LEPC Secretary