

WHITE PINE COUNTY (WPC)
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) MEETING AGENDA

Meeting date: Thursday, March 20th, 2023

Time: 11:00 am

Place: White Pine County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 1150 North McGill Highway, Ely, Nevada, 89301

Present: Pat Stork, Russel Weston, Scott Henriod, Todd Fincher, Robin Peterson, Delaney Marich, Jasen Hutchins, Martin Trout; via zoom: Shane Bybee, Bodie Golla, Shannin Pierce, Matt Walker, Bob Winder

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Pat called the meeting to order and completed roll call at 10:00 AM. Above is a list of attendees. Delaney Marich was present for Tabatha Hamilton.

- II. Public comment - As in the past, we will allow the public to comment on agenda items as the LEPC address them. The committee reserves the right to limit the time allowed for public comment. Persons are encouraged to submit comments in writing and / or attend and make relevant comments on the agenda items.

No public comment was made at this time.

III. Discussion For Possible Action: Approval Of Agenda

Scott motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Robin and the motion carried.

IV. Discussion For Possible Action: Review & Approval Of Minutes From 1.26.23

Scott motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Robin and the motion carried.

V. Discussion For Possible Action: Updates to Send to SERC to Maintain Compliance

Pat brought this item to the attention of the committee and explained that these items need approval for Tabatha to send the corrected information to SERC.

a. Letter of Promulgation

Scott motioned to approve the letter of promulgation, Russel seconded, and the motion carried.

b. Training Schedule

Scott asked if the schedule needed specific dates or just needed to specify things to be done each quarter. Pat stated that the training schedule only needs to be broken down by quarter. Russel motioned to approve, Robin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

VI. Discussion for Possible Action: Approval of OPTE Grant Application Including Items to Be Determined.

Delaney briefly explained the grant, the budget, and listed the quotes provided by Pat and Scott and the total amount of the already provided quotes which was \$22,291.79. Delaney then introduced an idea that had been given to her by White Pine County Fire District Chief Court Hall for cell phone signal boosters. She stated that she has already applied for two of these cell signal boosters for Search and Rescue in another grant per Court's request and explained that Court believes they are useful as occasionally dispatch requests crews to call in to the station via cell but the cell service is not always reliable. She also noted that they are \$500 each. Pat asked who the vendor would be, Delaney stated she did not have a vendor as she was not provided an official quote. Scott asked for an explanation of how the cell signal boosters work. Delaney explained that they plug into a vehicle and are supposed to extend the cell signal from the nearest cell phone tower. Pat asked how well the cell signal boosters work. Pat and Scott both expressed a desire to see the cell phone signal boosters in action before they purchase any themselves. Shane asked about getting a SAT phone for Search and Rescue instead. Pat stated the issue with SAT

phones is the costly monthly fee. Shane asked what the monthly fee was and Pat said he did not know an exact number but that he knows the City of Ely has explored purchasing SAT phones before and always determined that the monthly fee was too costly. Pat stated the committee should motion to approve only the items that had official quotes which included four (4) Carbon Monoxide monitors, one (1) Mass Casualties preparedness kit, three (3) multi-gas detectors, one (1) Galaxy GX2 Automated Test System valve, one (1) Galaxy GX2 electronic cylinder holder, one (1) 34L 4-gas calibration aluminum cylinder, and twenty (20) each of small, medium, large, and extra-large chloroprene exam gloves. Matt asked what was included in the Mass Casualties kit and how much it cost. Pat listed the various items in the kit and stated it cost \$3,288.79. Matt asked if the committee would approve an additional Mass Casualties kit for the hospital so that in the event of a Mass Casualty event, the EMS and the hospital would have the same supplies. Pat and Bodie both expressed their agreement for it. Scott motioned to amend the quote to include two (2) kits, Robin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Pat asked for a motion to approve the agenda item. Again Scott motioned to approve, Robin seconded, the motion carried.

VII. Discussion For Possible Action: Next Meeting Date

Pat asked for opinions on the next meeting date. Scott asked if the next meeting could be held after the next scheduled training for Quarter 2. Bodie agreed that he would prefer the meeting after the training and asked if May 16th was acceptable. Pat asked the rest of the committee if May 16th at 10:00 AM would work. The group agreed and Robin motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Russel and the motion carried.

VIII. Public Comments – Additional public comments are encouraged on all public safety matters for LEPC the consideration, both on and off the agenda. The Committee may prohibit comments if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being slanderous, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

Matt mentioned that during the recent incident at the high school involving a false report of a school shooter the hospital was not notified of what was happening by anyone on LEPC. He stated the employees of the hospital only knew about the incident because of messages from their own children. Pat stated that he did make a call to Chief Nursing Officer Tracie Gust at one point but did mention that the communication could have been better. Matt asked if an item could be added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss how communication in such instances could be improved so that the hospital is better informed and prepared. Pat stated he agrees it should be added to the agenda. Scott asked that an item to approve Todd Fincher as Scott's alternate attendee be added to the next agenda as well. Jasen asked about the remaining budget for the grant award and asked if the list of items needed by Search and Rescue could be added to it. Pat said the issue is that no list or quotes were submitted other than those that were approved earlier in the meeting. Scott asked Jasen for the list of items and asked what list he was referring to. Jasen stated he didn't have the list personally but has spoken about it before with others. Jasen believes Dave Hendrix or Darren Wallace would have the list and that he would ask them for the items immediately after the meeting. Delaney stated that she would appreciate if Jasen could send her the list but she does not think it is possible to apply for the items if they have not been approved by LEPC prior to the application being made and noted that the application is due March 24th.

IX. For Possible Action: Adjournment

Robin motioned to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Russel, and the motion carried.