

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

Meeting date: Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm

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, Tabatha Hamilton, Mike Johnson, Martin Trout, Bodie Golla, Shannin Pierce, Matt Walker, Bernadette Sena, Bren McClean (Nevada DEM), Dave Trampp (National Weather Service), Gary Hart (Bald Mountain Mine)

- I. Roll Call/Call to Order -**Pat called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM and Tabatha Hamilton called for roll. Above are those that were in attendance.**
- II. Public comment – **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 Russel and the motion carried.**
- IV. Discussion for Possible Action: Review & Approval of Minutes From 3/20/23-**Scott motioned to approve the previous meeting’s minutes. The motion was seconded by Robin and the motion carried.**
- V. Discussion for Possible Action: Approval of Appointment of Michael Johnson to Fill Vacant LEPC Position Representing Media- **Tabatha explained that Mike was part of the County’s IT department and dealt with website posting and such. She felt he would be a good fit for media and be able to disperse information if needed. A motion was made by Bodie to approve the appointment of Mike Johnson to the LEPC. The motion was seconded by Robin and the motion was carried.**
- VI. Discussion for Possible Action: Approval of Appointment of Martin Trout to Fill Vacant LEPC Position Representing Transportation Pending Approval of Application by the Board of County Commissioners- **Tabatha explained that with Martin being the new County Road Superintendent, that he was recruited for the LEPC position and has submitted an application to the County Commission for approval at the next commission meeting and felt that a motion to have the LEPC approve the appointment contingent on the approval by the commission would be appropriate. A motion was made by Russel to approve the appointment of Martin to LEPC contingent on the approval from the County Commission. The motion was seconded by Robin and the motion was carried.**
- VII. Discussion for Possible Action: Approval of Appointment of Todd Fincher as the alternate representing Law Enforcement Pending Approval of Application by the Board of County Commissioners **Tabatha explained that it was requested at the last meeting to have Todd as an alternate for the Sheriff’s Office for the LEPC position and that he would be submitting an application to the County Commission for approval at the next commission meeting and felt that a motion to have the LEPC approve the appointment contingent on the approval by the commission would be appropriate. A motion was made by Bodie to approve the appointment of Todd to LEPC as an alternate for law enforcement contingent on the approval from the County Commission. The motion was seconded by Robin and the motion was carried.**
- VIII. Discussion for Possible Action: Update on Current Grants- **Tabatha updated that the current UWS and OPTE grants are just about complete and that most projects are complete for these grants.**
- IX. Discussion for Possible Action: Approval of UWS Grant Application Including Items to Be Determined. - **Tabatha explained that the grant was due on 4/28/2023 and that to date, she received two requests for projects to approve through funding. She explained that the first project included quotes from Scott for various forced entry tools for the Sheriff’s Office. The total for this request was \$1,841.98. She explained that the second request was from Janet Vancamp on behalf of the airport advisory board. The project was to send up to 3 people, including an airport manager, to a**

40 hour Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) training at the closes location which she believed to be in Helena, MT. Tabatha explained that she did some research on costs for everything including travel, per diem, lodging and registration. She explained that the total to send 3 people was \$10,069.08. Pat voiced that he also had a request and provided a quote for Structural Fire Fighter Gear. He explained that the quote was only for one set but that it could be multiplied by the number of sets the board approved. Pat questioned whether or not the airport had a "Part 139 distinction". Tabatha voiced that Janet mentioned that the airport no longer had this distinction. Pat felt it was a requirement for the training and so there was concern on whether or not the training could occur at all until this distinction is once again met. Bodie voiced his concern with having an airport manager take the training as he felt there were EMT related prerequisites required to understand the training and that an airport manager would likely not have an EMT background. He had concerns with the general plan for the airport and whether a manager would be hired and if so what the plans/progress for the airport would be once one was hired. He felt that this was a great idea to bring back in a future round but felt that he would like to see a plan in place for the airport before providing funding for something like this. It was questioned if the Hospital or other entities had any requests. None were brought forward. After discussion on remaining funding available, it was questioned on whether or not dispatch could use funding to upgrade their communication in any way. It was mentioned that there was a need but that no quotes were provided. It was suggested to allocate up to \$15,000 for equipment that would help upgrade dispatch communications if quotes could be provided to Tabatha in time for application. Pat said that he can always use additional pagers if there was funding left over. A motion was made by Bodie to approve applying for 5 sets of structural fire fighter gear for the Ely Fire Department based on the quoted amount provided by pat of \$4,403.36 per set, to also apply for forced entry equipment in the amount of \$1509.91 for the Sheriff's Office based on the quote provided by Scott, to also apply for up to \$15,000 of communications equipment for dispatch based on quotes to be provided, and to apply for pagers for the City Fire Department for the remaining amount of the application budget. The motion was seconded by Russel and the motion was carried.

X. Reports/ Updates

- a. **County Commission/Manager- No updates were made**
- b. **Public Health Office- Shannin voiced that there were no updates.**
- c. **State Department of Emergency Management- Bren voiced that the state is always available if needed.**
- d. **Discussion for Possible Action: Development of Calendar/Schedule- Tabatha provided an updated calendar. Bren requested a copy of the calendar. Tabatha voiced that it was sent out with the meeting agenda and other documents. It was suggested to put an item on the next agenda to plan an exercise.**
 - i. **Discussion For Possible Action: Informal Action Needed For Upcoming Due Dates- Tabatha would submit application**
- e. **Discussion for Possible Action: Development of Community Key Entities Contact List- Pat voiced that his email was not up to date. Tabatha would fix this.**
- f. **Discussion for Possible Action: Development of LEPC Needs List- Tabatha explained that though she has been working on this for some time, this has not exactly worked out so far and that her hopes are to eventually have a compilation of items that entities need as grants come available. She did not have updates.**

- XI. Discussion for Possible Action: Next Meeting Date- **It was suggested to plan the next LEPC meeting for July 25th, 2023. It was preferred by many members to have afternoon meetings so the meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2:00 PM at the EOC conference room.**
- XII. Public Comments – **Bren voiced that contact information for the state was provided in the zoom meeting chat.**
- XIII. For Possible Action: Adjournment- **A motion was made by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM, the motion was seconded by Robin, and the motion carried.**