

Port Orford Emergency Preparedness Commission Minutes AUGUST 22, 2024

1. All Commissioners were present
2. Minutes for July 25, 2024 were approved
3. No public comments - Jeff Hughes, Curry County Emergency Manager was present to discuss what he has done so far. He is in his second week of being Manager.
4. New Business

A. Commissioner Burns discussed the Coos Curry Electric meeting that he and City Administrator Melissa Radcliffe attended in Gold Beach. The new CCE Public Safety Power Shutoff program was explained. Wildfire mode is new. If for any reason a circuit breaker is opened, it stays open until a crew checks it out instead of the circuit closing a number of times before it stays open. CCE has cleared under all of their lines and crews carry water in case something happens where they are working. Commissioner Howe shared CCE's redacted emergency plan and had emailed it to all of us.

B. There was a discussion about the antennas on the City Hall building to use for a base radio in the City Administrator's office. If we can't make one of the antennas work we will need to purchase and install a new antenna. With a new antenna it would be around \$2000 to install the base radio in the CA's office. Commissioner Miller will look into the possibility of using an existing antenna.

C. Jeff Hughes - working on county emergency operations plan, working off of online plan, a what to do with Vacationer's Emergency Plan, overall gathering of information and inventorying County Emergency assets, is starting to work with State Emergency, working on grants - wildfire protection plan, working on being proactive in reducing wildfire risks County wide. Working on how we would communicate with County in Gold Beach. Jeff is working on all of the Emergency communications options. Want to have Jeff attend meeting with Debbie and Chip from Coos County Emergency when they come to meet us at Ed's Underground Pub at Noon on September 5th. Everbridge alert system is controlled by the County. Not sure of the details yet. Jeff will be working on additional ways to communicate about an emergency event. Going to find out more about communication dishes. Technology is quickly changing and dishes may not be appropriate for us. Commissioner Howe asked about a filtered clean air facility to be used during a wildfire smoke event. Nothing known currently.

D. Discussion of meeting with first tier of Community organizations and businesses to include Sam at the Bank, Terry at Rays and all of our businesses about what they have in place in case of an emergency if anything. The EPC needs to be more recognized in the Community. Once a month an article in our Newspaper, announce when our meetings are on facebook and other places, continue to share preparedness posts on Facebook, occasionally post flyers focusing on a particular aspect... Create a message that we would be discussing with 1st tier managers and owners. Create a packet for them and follow up with a meeting, maybe email. Getting names and contact information of all of them. Including CCH and Ambulance Service, Curry Health... When power went out in the past, restaurants with propane were able to cook. We need to reach out to all of the churches. Create a form that gathered information about their organization, contact name and contact information. If have a plan... Include the school, ODOT in 1st tier list.

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- A. Commissioner Miller put together a list of Community possible players during an emergency event like names and contact information, phone #, address, email... We'll work on filling in the info for the players. Commissioner Miller stated that HAM radio would probably be the only way that could be counted on to communicate outside of the Community.
- B. B. Communication satellite dish - Carol got information on Satellite dishes. They are no longer free. County has 2 of them to be located. Commissioner Pearce mentioned that technology is always changing. Maybe not worth it for us. Resiliency and Preparedness Grants are rather simple to secure and they are relatively easy to get. We should go for this. There is a temporary operations kit that includes a tent with a kitchen, restrooms, meeting room..., a regular command center it sounded like. This will be set up close by to see what it's about. There will be 3 on the

coast north of us. Maybe a possibility to acquire. - Maybe we could organize a Community workshop on emergency events and inform the Community about how unprepared we are.

- C. C. Hometown Heroes Event - Commissioner Burns signed the EPC up for the event and that we would have a table with Gary's "Go Bag: spread out for an example. Burns created a flyer for possible "Go Bag" possibilities to hand out and it was shared on 4 Facebook groups. We would be set up next to the Rural Fire Department. Shifts were worked out.

6. Commissioner's comments - Commissioner Lochhaas reported on Tsunami Signs for the Community, mostly for the Hamlet area. They would be directed to Coast Guard Hill. Currently signage is improper or not existing. Signs are a bit expensive. We need to figure exactly what signs we need and get a price. Thinking about a grant for signs. Commissioner Lawton stated we should put a package together that would include a lot of what we need overall. Commissioner Howe remembered that it was around 2 dozen signs to cover the most significant locations. Water on Cedar Terrace would come from private property's wells. Currently two 5000 gallon tanks in 2 locations and a 2-3000 gallon bladder behind the station are currently what is stored up there.

7. No public comments

8. Next meeting 9/26/2024

MEETING ADJOURNED