

City of Yachats
EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Summary Minutes
August 12, 2022

- I. **(00:11) Call Meeting to order:** Chair Linn West, temporary Chair called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm and in attendance is Tracy Crews, Mary Beth Selby, and James Sanders
Absent: Drew Roslund, Jill Asch, and Don Groth
Staff: Kimmie Jackson and Councilor Mary Ellen O’Shaughnessey
- II. **(00:51) Correspondence / Communications**
- a. Summary Minutes (Informational)
 - b. Miscellaneous information out around town – (West) –Need to get information passed out in and around town; will utilizing the website and Facebook.
 - c. There are two Go Prep Fairs in Lincoln City and Newport and will be getting the information from them regarding the turnout.
 - d. There is a class in Ham Radios that was published, will request to post on website.
 - e. Driftwood area is mapping their neighborhood and Selby has done her neighborhood.
 - f. Communication to community – need specific page on Facebook and Yachats website; Crews did a Yachats emergency Prep Facebook page/group to post the community fair and sent to Yachats village and residents pages.
- III. **Reports**
- a. (10:41) Fire Department – Cox attended the meeting this morning, the Conex proposal is being vetted; they are having the same issue regarding communication with the community. Cox will check with the fire department on the timeline for First Aid/CPR classes.
- IV. **(15:45) Old Business**
- a. MOU with Fire Department – City attorney glanced at it, indicated it was not in the best interest of the city and rewrite; need timeline and direction.

West & City Manager talked with council members individually, and spent fire department, Jenny Damaris, and FEMA and how the city is approaching it; The response from council, is they want the “why’s”; the condition of the Conex’s are #1 priority and contents; Damaris would like our Conex’s to be filled with body bags and shovels; Crews said we need food and water or we will need more body bags; Roslund will give 6k and we also have the grant. Selby expressed her distaste of what would happen to people, when the average age is 67 and won’t be able to climb the hill and started a petition and will be asking councilors and candidates their position on this issue; there are 4/5 people out getting signatures from different parts of Yachats, they will

have them when there is a community forum for the candidates; West will ask city manager be on council agenda.

(30:25) Experience of wildfire –information from FEMA is included in the bags given away at city hall and the visitor center. Will contact Yachats news for articles.

(33:35) We didn't have the power outage, but the Hwy 101 was closed due to fire around the Drift Inn; trying to get people interested in the go bags and to put them together and mapping your neighborhood; discussion continued why we need the Conex and to promote Go-Bags; maybe have a drawing, like bring go bags and show who has the best one.

(39:00) Pick a date for emergency prep fair for next year, late July or August- mid on a day of the farmers market; last year was the first fair, possibly 13th or 20th of Aug, Sunday, will see if the commons is available the whole commons and the pavilion, will schedule through the city and to include Saturday afternoon for setup and the day after in the morning for take down.

(42:34) Selby updated the Storm Ready coming in December; West will notify the city manager again as it needs to be signed by the city manager.

(43:40) - Shakeout on Oct 20th we are signed up for but need to check with McClung what we were signed up for.

(45:00) The Technician Class may be of interest, West will email to members, it's on Oct 22nd and 29th. Will try to get it in the newsletter.

(46:09) Hand radio experience at the fire department is Shay, everyone else is in Waldport; needs to be in the Conex for communication; we need some direction on how to use; we could use long range radios, we have 5 at the city; the fire department would collect this info and they would pass on to Lincoln County; Waldport was using a different type because they felt the towers were going to go down and can't use the ham radios; Selby has a document to handle the Conex when an emergency happens; each Conex would have one and use for directions; AMS radios is an option, ham uses repeaters, and the AMS radio don't; Cape Foul Weather to Yachats the radio worked, once on Crestline could only hear not talk, the city might want to invest in a satellite

(57:57) West will request meeting with city manager & get contact for Commons, contract McClung for Shakeout info, Signatures for Storm Ready doc, ask for date to be on city council agenda

West adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Transcribed by Kimmie Jackson September 12, 2022