

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 Ash, 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; also need to get information for the first aide class from the fire department; West talked to city manager about getting information to the citizens and can work with city staff to get information on the website and use 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, should get that information out to the public and will forward to city staff to post on website.
 - e. Articles are being written and in the newsletter; the Driftwood area is mapping their neighborhood and Selby has done her neighborhood; Selby created a petition that is going around town regarding the Conex's.
 - f. Communication to community – need specific page on Facebook and Yachats website to post on a regular basis; Crews did a Yachats emergency Prep Facebook page/group to post the community fair and sent to Yachats village and residents pages; West will contact city manager regarding the website.
- III. **Reports**
 - a. (10:41) Fire Department – Cox attended the meeting this morning, first aid class went very well, they are still keen on the Conex proposal and getting it legally vetted; they are having the same issue regarding communication with the community; they are a little out of town, and don't have the foot traffic.
 - b. 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 need to be rewritten; Selby thinks it was

vetted already because it's a state document; and what would be the timeline from the attorney to review and give some direction.

West & City Manager talked with council members individually, and spent time with the fire department, Jenny Damaris, and FEMA and how the city is approaching it; doesn't want to come across that it can't be done. The response from council, they want the "why's"; only 10k in the budget and it's not much and the condition of the Conexus are #1 priority and contents; Damaris thinks focus needs to be how are we going to deal with people, they 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. The council and mayor needs to decide if we want to spent time on this; 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 to say this is important issue; will be asking all 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 ill request to city manager be on council agenda; would like the city to sign the MOU.

(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 on 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, not in June too rainy, 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, need to be a straight line of sight, the city might want to invest in a satellite; there are several different types of radios, and may have to try a few.

(57:57) West To do list:

West get with cm set up with council

Contact McClung for shakeout info

City Staff to post items on website

Who we contact reservice the commons

Signatures for the storm ready document

Get date from city manager for council regarding Conex

West adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Transcribed by Kimmie Jackson September 12, 2022