

Minutes of Meeting
City of Weston Lakes Emergency Management Committee Meeting
Simonton City Hall
35011 FM 1093, Simonton, Texas
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Call to Order by Chairman Aldrich at 6:00 p.m., a quorum having been established. See Attached Sign-In List

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of the April and July 2015 meeting by Mona Pope, second by Bob Machen, motion passed.

Recruitment and Retention Proposal: Discussion included quarterly meetings for all volunteers; group discussions on response to incidents; task force of 4 to 5 people for small incidents; and general retention of volunteers/interest. Motion to adopt concept to develop subcommittee made by Linda Harnist, second by Mona Pope; motion passed.

Procurement Update: Barrett Shepherd reported on procurement of items; cones, barriers, emergency flashers and battery operated chainsaw.

Technology Sub-Committee: It was reported that Barrett Shepherd, Lionel Booth, Ron Mersman and Jeff Donofri met to discuss and evaluate WebEOC and Mission Management and the advantages of each to Weston Lakes.

Motion to form committee was made by Jason Hall, second by Bob Machen; motion passed

Situational Awareness: Chairman Aldrich expressed a concern about WebEOC effectiveness for CWL and reported on-going research by Barrett Shepherd into Mission Management.

Radio Status: Barrett Shepherd reported progress on the template showing which radios are re-programmable and those which are not. On-going effort to determine the communication needs of CWL.

Web EOC Update: Lionel Booth reported a 30% participation for the September monthly drill. Lionel stated he has asked for changes benefiting CWL; no update at this time.

Comments: Jean Stewart expressed a concern about available community exits during an emergency event. Chairman responded with details of gate openings during events to allow egress/ingress. Jack Stewart questioned how communications are handled during event and how volunteers might respond with readiness and needed equipment. Discussion also included how the loss of electricity hampered communication during a recent storm and the need for a community wide alert system. This is an on-going concern and solutions are being sought. Chairman Aldrich reported on a recent Mayors' meeting which highlighted a presentation on municipal ownership of UAVs. Presentation included information of mandatory licensed pilot with current credentials, etc. Fort Bend County may contract for one or more UAVs.

Adjournment: Chairman Aldrich adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



Minutes Submitted by Committee Secretary, Linda K. Harnist

