

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

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Minutes

Place: White Pine Chamber of Commerce

636 E Aultman, Ely, Nevada

Present: Ross Rivera, Geri Wopschall, Scott Henriod, Brett North, Bernadette Sena, Jill Perez, Karen Gonzales, Desiree Barnson, Mattie Jensen, Lester Robison, Tim Bunch, Cameron Kirkham and Shannin Pierce.

Called to order by Cameron Kirkham - 10:00 am

Public Comment – Wopschall thanked the County Clerk for donating paper and CDs. Also thanked Ross Rivera for printing and posting some of the agendas.

Bunch “ I think it’s appropriate to make sure that, because it’s not that agendised, we have to inform the LEPC Committee that you submitted your resignation effective tomorrow.”

Rivera “ I would like the board to have and I will need some of the information you have process. So we can follow through. “

Kirkham “ Yes, I’ll have it by the end of the day. After today when we revise the By Laws , I will have everything done.”

Rivera “ I saw that you had sent in last year’s, has that been updated?”

Kirkham “Yes, that has all been updated.”

Sena “ I would like to update on this year’s flu pod. I have pre-ordered 1000 vaccines and they have not balked at it. We are hoping to get a thousand and we ordered a hundred so we can help Eureka County.”

Kirkham “ Is that though Public Health in Carson?”

Sena “Yes. “

Kirkham “As far as the POD Trailer goes, the supplies are in route. They should be here the earliest, March 4. There was something about the syringes being pre- loaded?”

Barnson “Yes we ordered them pre-loaded.”

Rivera “Even if the syringes are pre-loaded with vaccine, the POD should still have empty ones. Because of an epidemic. In the case of an epidemic we would receive the medication and we would have the tools to work with. We need the supplies for the trailer, not for the flu pod.”

Barnson "Yes."

Kirkham " They have received about 15 emails from me."

Rivera " Maybe you should follow up with Bernadette on your emails you have sent."

Bunch " Just for clarification, because you and I have not been able to talk, I have to fill out a ticket for Cameron to be taken out of the system. It's all going to Finance Department. They need to go to Des as the Co-Chair or they need to go to Ross. They will disseminate all of that when they decide how they're going forward. So you guys are all aware of who's communicating, the stuff that is in process right now. But you know where they're going. "

North "They should be going to Des, so if we can forward them to her."

Kirkham "If anything falls through the crack, Brett will be getting a load of paperwork from me."

Rivera " I think you should let them know that the State running our LEPC is not. It got tabled. I know it was not well received.

For your information I did called the State SERT. They are there to assist LEPC with Grants that we need here to run us. And for White Pine County to have boots on the ground. We need to have our own LEPC no how its operated.

It was entertained by one of the Commissioners to have the State run our LEPC, but that's not what they're there for."

Kirkham " There is also a representative that will be able to give you a wealth of knowledge, his name is Ryan. I can make sure everybody has his contact and he has offer to sit in on phone calls."

Discussion / For Possible Action: Approval of minutes January 9, 2020 and November 19, 2019.

Henriod made the motion to approve

Rivera made seconded

There were three people who abstained, Desiree Barnson for one meeting she missed, Lester Robison for a meeting he has missed and Cameron Kirkham because he has not read them.

12/0 Approved

Discussion / For Possible Action: Changes / Approval of Bylaws.

Kirkham "It's good practice, they want it annually as far as SERT and they just want us to review them. If we don't have any changes, but that's there are changes we need to notify them."

Barnson " I think we need to keep them as they are, just to make compliance. Then we can change them."

Rivera " If we change them, we will have to have another meeting. They are very workable right now. If we want to change them we can do that at a later date."

Rivera made the motion to accept the bylaws as they are.

Bunch " Can I ask a question before we have a second? Has everyone taken the time to go through the by-laws?"

Rivera "They are very short."

Barnson " I definitely think it's something we need to work on. Right now trying to make compliance."

Kirkham " As when I came on, I looked through the minutes and there are at least two times this has come up and is has been tabled. Now this is the third or fourth time it will be tabled."

Henriod " The way this is on the agenda, I think there are some, because you have discussion for possible action. What changes do you guys know of now? There were several and I know Laurie Carson brought one up, but I can't remember what it was. Maybe we should review these we can and see if there's any that we need to change anything. Now is the time to make changes."

Sena " They should be in the last minutes."

Wopschall " Somebody borrowed my minutes. I do not have the copy."

Rivera " The last thing I recall on the bylaws was, who runs the meeting, Chairman, Co-Chairman and then Secretary, that was already in the bylaws."

Barnson " I know the other thing that was brought up was, how many voting members. I think that's something we need to work on continuously. Get more Community involvement. I don't think they want to be adding a bunch of different voting members, because then we are not going to make a quorum. "

Rivera " I think that was a total restructure of the LEPC Ordinance. Who would be on the board, as we were talking about having BLM and NDOT. There's a lot more to it than just the bylaws. I personally like the way they are set up now."

Barnson " Yes and that would have to go before the Commissioners. I don't think this is a good time to make changes, because then it has to go to the Commission. They are going to need to vote on it before anything can go to the State. I think it's something that we need to be working on during the summer. When we are at a point where we can change this stuff and have the time to put it through the Commissioners."

Rivera " If this board wants to change the criteria of being a board member, then I think that's the time, do them at the same time."

Henriod " You are 100% correct, because I remember when we address that, because we would meet and just not have a quorum. So we could never take action. So then we decided to have that alternates come in board to the board. If the board member was absent the alternate could come in and fill that spot. We're doing a lot better since we trim the edges to get a quorum."

Rivera " Yes, when the state allowed that."

Kirkham " So I'm guessing we want to leave it as is?"

Rivera "That was my motion."

Barnson " I will second that motion."

14/0 Approved

#### Public Comment

Barnson " I will make public comment here, I think we need to have a special meeting set up as soon as possible to get a Chairman."

Bunch " We can have an update on the supplies."

Next Meeting – Special Meeting - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10:00 am.

Location – EOC, 1150 N. McGill Hwy.

Adjournment – 10:18 am