

HIDALGO COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Local Emergency Planning Committee met in regular session on June 12, 2019 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the Board of County Commission Chambers at 305 Pyramid Street, Lordsburg, New Mexico, for the purpose of business matters to come properly before the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS:

David Whipple, Chair
Oscar Sosa, Vice Chair
Scott Richins, Alt Vice Chair
Priscilla Maxwell, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tisha Green, Hidalgo Mgr.
Andrew Arredondo, HCSO
Beverly Fralgie, Animas Fire
Greg Lundeen, NWS

Tommy Chavez, Hidalgo Fire
Riley Allen, NMSP
Joe Guillian, Road Dept

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Whipple called the meeting to order at 1:00 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the Agenda for 06-12-19. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the Agenda for 06-12-19. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the Agenda for 06-12-19, motion carried. Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the Minutes for 04-17-19. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the Minutes for 04-17-19. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes for 04-17-19, motion carried.

GUEST(S):

David Ramirez, CYRQ Energy – Scott advised David did not make this meeting and will be placed on agenda for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion - Emergency Operation Plan & Resource Book - Scott sent out electronic copies of this. He advised there has been contact updates and a few minor grammar updates and added agriculture plan. Scott requested approval to present that to county and city. Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the Emergency Operation Plan & Resource Book to present to County and City for their approval. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the Emergency Operation Plan & Resource Book. Secretary Maxwell seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the Emergency Operation Plan & Resource Book to present to County and City for their approval, motion carried.

Discussion – Hazard Mitigation Plan – Scott advised last he spoke with DHSEM it was still being reviewed by FEMA. They had a target date to approve by July of this year. Tisha advised on this date she was given an update that the hold up is they only have two reviewers at this time. With the previous government shut down they have gotten behind and do not have a tentative date on this.

Discussion – DHSEM & Hidalgo County Communications – Scott advised received an email of what they are planning on doing for the next coming months and printed out copies if anyone would like a copy. Total of 349 radios coming to Hidalgo County plus repeaters that they are changing out. Expanding lookout mountain shelter plus upgrade the ac unit. Shortly after the 4th of July they should start working on the radios.

Discussion – NIMS Training – Scott advised has received several certificates coming in to him for training. IS 300 Class will be held in the BOCC on September 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2019. Also 402 will start at 12:30 on September 7th for city councilors and county commission to attend.

Discussion/Action – Incident Action Plan Road Closure Re-route – Scott advised at last meeting we discussed added Animas Street coverage by the road department and that was updated. Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the IAP Road Closure Re-route. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the IAP Road Closure Re-route. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the IAP Road Closure Re-route, motion carried.

Discussion/Action – Incident Action Plan Lordsburg 4th of July – Scott advised mostly law enforcement patrolling along with city fire for the City of Lordsburg and county fire for outside city limit area. Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the IAP Lordsburg 4th of July. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the IAP Lordsburg 4th of July. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the IAP Lordsburg 4th of July, motion carried.

Discussion/Action – Incident Action Plan Rodeo 4th of July – Scott advised they would need Highway 80 to be closed for the parade and they were advised to submit the formal request to the county manager. Tisha advised they have in the past requested the special permit however has not received a request from them this year. They have not contacted the Sheriff's Office either. It normally takes 60 days for the permit to be approved. Tisha advised she will contact them and get this done this week. Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the IAP Rodeo 4th of July. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the IAP Rodeo 4th of July contingent upon getting the permit approval. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the IAP Rodeo 4th of July, motion carried.

Discussion – Incident Action Plan Hidalgo County Fair - Scott did not have any updates to the plan. If we need to update the plan, we still have next meeting.

Discussion – Luna County Shelters – Scott updated the group of the migrants being shelter at the fairgrounds and airport hangar. Most of the food and labor has been donated. Recently they hired 10 seasonal employees to run the shelters mostly due to not having to train volunteers on a daily basis. Border Patrol will deliver the migrants to the airport hangar so they can be screened medically, required to shower and get clean clothes, then they get with work force solutions where they contact the sponsors to get them tickets to get them out either by bus or plane. Once they have confirmation of the bus or plane tickets they are moved to the fairgrounds where they are logged in and stay until the date and time to catch the bus or plane. They still need supplies such as, beans, rice, pasta, granola bars, diapers, wipes, men's clothing and volunteer services What has helped is El Paso has taken 100 to 150 migrants, they are being delivered directly to El Paso. Last week, Dallas has taken some. Tuesday, Denver has taken some. Most are going to the east coast and the issues are the migrants don't know they are supposed to change buses and they don't understand where they are supposed to be. A lot of sponsors are getting calls that the migrants are stranded at a location. We encourage Hidalgo County to participate either as volunteers or with donations. Hidalgo County is also taking donations, the supplies can be dropped off at the BOCC.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chair Whipple advised next meeting will be Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Round Table Discussion:

Scott Richins – Advised we should have lunch provided for our next meeting.

Greg Lundeen, National Weather Service – General outlook for next couple of days will be warm and dry.

Tommy Chavez – Advised on I-10 there was not a dust storm however it was windy and speed limits signs to drop speeds were working.

AJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Whipple moved to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

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Alternate Vice Chair	Date
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Representing Government	Date
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