

HIDALGO COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Local Emergency Planning Committee met in regular session on January 16, 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:**

Elizabeth Escobar, Rodeo Fire  
Tisha Green, Hidalgo Mgr.  
Jim Jarvis, Playas Fire  
Tommy Chavez, Hidalgo Fire  
Andrew Arredondo, HCSO

Ramon Escobar, Rodeo Fire  
Guy Kellogg, Cotton City Fire  
Marsha Hill, Chamber of Commerce  
Rulene Jenson, Virden Mayor  
Jacob Bigler, Virden Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Whipple called the meeting to order at 1:01 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Whipple advised board needs to approve the Agenda for 02-20-19. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the Agenda for 02-20-19. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the Agenda for 02-20-19, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

LEPC Bylaws – Chair Whipple advised after reviewing the Bylaws board needs to make a motion. Vice Chair Sosa made motion to approve the current Bylaws. Alt Vice Chair Richins seconded the motion. Chair Whipple advised motion made and seconded to approve the current Bylaws, motion carried.

Tier II Reports – Scott advised has received one Tier II report and reminded the fire chiefs if they receive any to forward them to him as well. The Tier II reports are also located on the county website.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Scott advised the last update on this was it was pending approval from FEMA. Chair Whipple advised something for us to do next time we update this plan is to consider the border issues.

NIMS Training – Scott advised we need to make sure that all department rank has the 300 and 400. These are in class only and prior to taking the 300 and 400 must have 100 and 700 with the 200 being optional. We can organize a class to come down here with a minimum of 12 seats and the class is a three-day class.

Incident Action Plan Road Closure – Oscar advised on special instructions NMSP will designation a supervisor and also communicating with Arizona. Andrew advised HCSO will cover Exit 24. Oscar advised NMDOT will cover Exit 20. No action was taken on the IAP as changes needed to made.

Communication Infrastructure – Scott advised homeland security has been down in the area trying to help to improve our communications by conducting surveys and radio checks. They are focusing on getting more towers in the south end of the county. Trying to get animas school buses radio at the Gillespie Peak. Also trying to move Fire, EMS, and SO to the Gillespie Peak. Also trying to find better coverage in the Rodeo area. At this point it's work in progress. Getting inventory on all the radios along with other information was one of the requirements. Chair Whipple suggested if we receive new radio equipment for Gillespie Peak leave the current radio equipment at the Wolf Peak as a back-up. Tisha advised Wynn will be meeting with the Verizon engineer tomorrow. Tisha asked where should the primary focus be and all agreed that it should be Highway 81.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Chair Whipple advised next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Round Table Discussion. Scott advised has an individual providing lunch for those who attend this next meeting. Chair Whipple advised bike race coming up April 7. Marsha advised it won't be a race it will be more of a fun ride for the participates. Also, EMS and LE will be called as needed. Chair Whipple advised CYRQ energy installed 200,000 water tanks with hydrants so Cotton City will benefit with this regarding ISO.

**AJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Whipple moved to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

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Vice Chair	Date
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Alternate Vice Chair	Date
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Representing Government	Date
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Secretary	Date