

HIDALGO COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Local Emergency Planning Committee met in regular session on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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:**

Chair Maria Sanchez  
Alt Vice Chair Tragon Turner  
Rep Government Bill Thornock  
Secretary Priscilla Maxwell

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vice Chair Oscar Sosa

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

John Fausett, NWS  
Marsha Hill, Chamber of Commerce  
Jeannie Palacios, City of Lordsburg  
Jim Jarvis, Playas Fire

John Hill, City Maintenance  
Ramon Escobar, Rodeo Fire  
Frank Madrid, City of Lordsburg  
David Whipple, EMS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Sanchez advised board needs to approve the Agenda for 01-17-18. Alt Vice Chair Turner made motion to approve the Agenda for 01-17-18. Rep Government Thornock seconded the motion. Chair Sanchez advised motion made and seconded to approve the Agenda for 01-17-18, motion carried. Chair Sanchez advised board needs to approve the Minutes for 12-14-17. Alt Vice Chair Turner made motion to approve the Minutes for 12-14-17. Rep Government Thornock seconded the motion. Chair Sanchez advised motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes for 12-14-17, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on Hazard Mitigation Plan – Sonia Arteche. Chair Sanchez advised Sonia Arteche was not able to attend the meeting.

Discussion on 2018 Road Closure IAP – Rep Government Thornock advised that Arizona will be doing construction on 191 and 70 therefore we will not be able to route traffic as normal on 70. Rep Government Thornock advised at this point we would have to do a hard shut down in the Deming or Las Cruces areas. A Dust Meeting has been set to further discuss this on the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am at the POE.

Discussion on National Weather Service Spotter Training – Reminder of this training coming up on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

Nominations / Elections for Chair – Nominated were Maria Sanchez. Maria Sanchez accepted the nomination.

Nominations / Election for Vice Chair – Nominated were Oscar Sosa. Maria Sanchez advised Oscar Sosa was not able to attend this meeting however he did advise he would accept the nomination.

Nominations / Election for Alt Vice Chair – Nominated were Tragon Turner. Tragon Turner accepted the nomination.

Nominations / Election for Rep Government – Nominated were Bill Thornock. Bill Thornock accepted the nomination.

Nominations / Election for Secretary - Nominated were Priscilla Maxwell. Priscilla Maxwell accepted the nomination.

Chair Sanchez advised board needs to approve the Nominations / Elections for the LEPC Board as followed: Chair Maria Sanchez, Vice Chair Oscar Sosa, Alt Vice Chair Tragon Turner, Rep Government Bill Thornock, and Secretary Priscilla Maxwell. Alt Vice Chair Turner made motion to approve the Nominations / Elections. Secretary Maxwell seconded the motion. Chair Sanchez advised motion made and seconded to approve the Nominations / Elections for LEPC Board, motion carried.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Chair Sanchez advised next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 am. Chair Sanchez moved to round table discussion. David Whipple advised the community wild fire protection plan was not approved by the state. The state did not accept the annex that was attached instead requested an updated plan. Chair Sanchez advised the Lordsburg Municipal Schools has approved guidelines for emergency access to the schools. Chair Sanchez advised that dispatch will have those keys in the event that Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS need emergency access to all the schools.

**AJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez moved to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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Alternate Vice Chair

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Representing Government

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Secretary

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