

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING**

May 23, 2023

Commissioners present: Bill Stokes, Duane Carptener, James White, Doug Asbe, Gerald George

Commissioners absent: Jamie Joy Thorgmorton

Staff Present: Scott Thomas

1. The Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM in the Council Room at Maple Hall. The meeting was broadcast by Zoom, and Commissioner James White attended the meeting remotely.
2. Commissioner Asbe moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting, and Commissioner George seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the Commission.
3. Scott Thomas read a communication from Public Works Director Lease, who reported that he had completed the preliminary design height for flood protection at an elevation of 14' MLLW along the waterfront. The South segment will require a barrier height of less than a foot, with one smaller segment requiring a barrier of 1.3'. The North segment, extending from the vicinity of the Morris Street intersection and then northerly will require a flood wall with a minimum 2.3' height. Placing a wall in the only feasible location, the First Street ROW, may cause water to pond to a greater height behind the flood barrier than it would if no barrier was in place. This could result in greater damages occurring if the flood barrier was in place, than would occur if no barrier was in place. Temporary pumps placed to reduce the ponding could reduce this effect. Commission discussion ensued.
4. Commissioner Asbe presented on the issue of flood warnings, and the appropriate trigger. No action taken.
5. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.



Chair

6-13-2023
Date