

TOWN OF LA CONNER
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COMMISSION MEETING

October 24, 2023

Commissioners present: Bill Stokes, Duane Carpenter, Jamie Throgmorton, Doug Asbe, Gerald George

Commissioners absent: James White

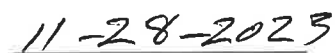
Staff Present: Scott Thomas, Town Councilmembers Rick Dole and Ivan Carlson

1. The Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM in Upper Maple Hall.
2. The minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business:
 - a. Update on Flood Preparations: Brian Lease shared that everything is in place for Flood protections. The south side of town is largely finished. The equipment is all set and the generator will be delivered in early November. Public Works is still developing agreements with property owners.
 - b. Tide Gauge will be placed at the fuel dock. The Port would like to add an additional meter. Public Works is waiting to hear from the I.T. professional of the Port.
 - c. Marylee Chamberlain spoke as a community member on behalf of the Skagit Valley Clean Energy Co-Op. She would like to speak with the Commission about emergency systems in buildings that received grants. She passed out information to the Commission.
 - d. Commissioner Carpenter presented information about Davis weather instruments. A discussion of weather instruments, capabilities, and limitations ensued.
 - e. Commissioner George discussed the recent earthquake. La Conner must plan for a 6-week power outage with a level nine earthquake. A level six earthquake would also cause significant damage to La Conner. The main Town water pipe would be impacted significantly. He mentioned the Swinomish Tribe could be a great partner for communication.
 - f. Brian Lease discussed tide variations that public works has seen so far this season.
 - g. Scott Thomas discussed the Emergency Management Plan, specifically communication both before and during emergencies. He passed around materials about preparation. Discussion ensued.

The next meeting of the Emergency Management Commission will be on November 28, 2023. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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Date