



CITY OF YACHATS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee was called to order by Chair Linn West at 2:00 pm in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Mary reeves, Kathy McCullough, Don Groth. Staff: Recorder Kimmie Jackson.

Audience: 6

REGULAR MEETING

I. Announcement & Correspondence

- a. State of the city is this afternoon, at 5:30pm
- b. Aha Lodge Vacation rental has offered their property as an assembly area in case of emergencies. The location is described, noting it has a large expanse of lawn and parking area that could accommodate tents. The area is near the intersection of King Street and the cemetery, which is designated as an assembly area on evacuation maps.
- c. Tom Rafalski, application to volunteer for the Emergency preparedness Committee. The interview was held and the group welcomed Mr. Rafalski to the committee.

II. Citizens Concerns

- a. None

III. Reports

- a. No Fire Department
- b. Finance Report
- c. Emergency Conex and Shelter - The Chair discussed the layout and organization of the shelter, suggesting the use of blue tape to mark the perimeter and the placement of supplies; the need for volunteers to move supplies from City Hall to the shelter; the need for additional supplies, including cots, blankets, and pillows, and the possibility of using air mattresses; the need for a re-inventory of existing supplies and the removal of items that are not present, but noted the need for

blood clotting and other medical supplies, but expressed uncertainty about their necessity. The Chair will meet with the office of emergency management and CERT to discuss these issues further.

The committee continued discussing the organization of a central cooking facility, highlighting the need for kitchen item redistribution and requesting donations of pots and pans; the importance of acquiring more tarps, ropes, and stakes while addressing the limited space in tents and the challenge posed by stretchers; the increased demand for toilet paper and storage solutions, as well as the suggestion to contact wilderness medicine experts for supply recommendations due to fire risks associated with new hydrants. The Chair proposed focusing on bulk food items like rice and oats for long-term storage while acknowledging the need for proper refrigeration for perishables. Finally, preparedness through collaboration, suggesting a work party for better storage organization and exploring partnerships with suppliers, while awaiting a response from a Red Cross representative regarding organizing the Commons.

In conclusion, the meeting was productive, focusing on community engagement and preparedness initiatives. With plans for volunteer recruitment and the consideration of a designated assembly area, the committee is taking proactive steps to enhance emergency readiness in the region. The addition of new members like Tom Rafalski also indicates a growing interest in contributing to local emergency preparedness efforts

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

By: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder