



Meeting Minutes Emergency Preparedness Working Group

Attendance Record	DATE	Tuesday, March 4, 2025	
	TIME	2:00 p.m.	
	METHOD	Zoom Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 202 331 8963	
	RECORDER	Loren Borst	
Committee Members	Present	Non-Voting Membership	Present
Lee Cabaniss—Elko County	X	Jared Franco, Chair—NV Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS)	X
Eric Holt—Lincoln County	X	Tiffany Gamero-Department of Energy (DOE)/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Nevada Field Office	X
Scott Lewis—Nye County	X		
Paul Melendrez—Esmeralda County	X		
Mathia Rieske—White Pine County	X	Legal Staff	Present
Billy Samuels—Clark County	X	Samantha Ladich—Senior Deputy Attorney General	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Jared Franco, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS) called the meeting to order. Loren Borst, DEM/HS performed roll call, and quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Jared Franco opened the first period of public comment.
There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Billy Samuels, Clark County Emergency Manager moved for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the October 29, 2024, Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) Meeting. Eric Holt, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. UPDATES FROM DEM/HS

Chair Jared Franco, DEM/HS, updated the committee on current funding balances for each county. Clark County sits at \$550,402; Elko County \$557,412, Esmeralda County \$442,860, Lincoln County \$ 612,969, Nye County \$514,766, White Pine County \$ 566,647, and DEM/HS is 312,698. Chair Franco also noted it was the last year for this award and the deadline is June 30, 2026, to spend the funds.

Brett Compston, DEM/HS said that official notice had been received that every grant is being reviewed manually for compliance with presidential executive orders, so to expect delays.

Eric Holt informed The Working Group that Lincoln County had expended most of that balance, but they were behind on paperwork so it should be more accurate in the next few weeks.

5. DEM/HS TRAINING CALENDAR FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

John Fansler, DEM/HS provided updates on upcoming training on April 7-11, 2025 for a Radiation Specialist course in Carson City noting there are prerequisites for that class such as being on a Hazmat team and other ICS classes, and an authorized user course in August, allowing agencies to check out radiation sources to train on. If interested in either class Mr. Fansler would be the point of contact for more information.

Chief Samuels asked to include the classes with local jurisdictions to add into their WebEOC platform. Mr. Fansler confirmed he would share the information.

6. UPDATES FROM DEM/HS RADIATION (RAD) PROGRAM COORDINATOR

John Fansler, DEM/HS provided an update on upcoming calibrations in April starting in Southern Nevada the 1-4th, then from April 7-16th the north-eastern part of Nevada will get calibrated. Mr. Fansler also noted that they will have a contractor retiring as of May 31st and asked for patience as they try to fill that role.

Eric Holt, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, asked if they would fall under the south or east during calibration. Mr. Fansler clarified they would most likely fall under Ely but he would double check and confirm with Mr. Holt offline.

7. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKING GROUP LETTER

Chief Samuels, Clark County, presented a request in price increase for the classified waste, low-level waste, and mixed low-level waste delivered to, and disposed of at the Nevada National Security Site from 50 cents per cubic foot to \$1.50. Chief Samuels noted it has been 21 years since last updated.

Chair Jared Franco, DEM/HS, noted that Michael Dalton is no longer the White Pine Emergency Manager, it is now Mathias Rieske.

Tiffany Gamero, Department of Energy (DOE) not Candice Robertson has resigned and she will send the replacement contact to Chief Samuels when confirmed.

Eric Holt, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, asked if the proposed \$1.50 gives room for negotiation if it were to be declined for that specific amount. Chief Samuels noted they originally were going to request \$3.00 per cubic foot; however, thought \$1.50 was more realistic and they were not going to negotiate as it is a fair amount for the amount of material coming in.

Mathias Rieske, White Pine Emergency Manager, Lee Cabaniss, Elko County Emergency Manager, and Scott Lewis, Nye County Emergency Manager, Paul Melendrez, Esmeralda County, and Eric Holt, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, were all in support. Chair Franco also noted he thought it was a fair ask and was on board with the request for an increase.

Chair Franco asked for a motion to approve the letter requesting an increase pending the corrections discussed. Scott Lewis Nye County Emergency Manager made a motion, Lee Cabaniss seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Jared Franco, DEM/HS, opened the second period of public comment. Seeing none, Public Comment was concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jared Franco, DEM/HS, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Lewis, Nye County Emergency Manager, motioned to adjourn. Eric Holt, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.