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**Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**9:30 AM, Wednesday, July 13th, 2022**

**1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

*Meeting called to order by Chair, Tom Hemrick, at 9:30 AM.*

* 1. Guest recognition *–*

*Jimmy Burckschell – NextEra Energy*

*Phillip Bainum – NextEra Energy*

* 1. Member introductions

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| *Rob Bergerson* | *Tom Hemrick* |
| *Phillip Cantrell* | *Robert LaFoy* |
| *Chris Cary* | *Leonard Smith* |
| *Nancy Cross* | *Elizabeth Thomas* |
| *Eric Garretty* | *Kirk Turner* |
| *Matt Groveton* | *Buffy Waldie* |
| *Danny Guerra* | *Jeff Watkins* |

HOTCOG Staff

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| *Tim Jeske* | *Harold Ferguson* |

1. **Determination of Quorum**

*Mr. Hemrick stated that a quorum was present.*

1. **Proof of Posting**

*Mr. Jeske stated that there was proof of posting.*

1. **Public Comment**

*No Public Comment*

1. **Sub-Committee Reports**
   1. Education Sub-Committee Report

The report was given by Committee Chair, Buffy Waldie, which can be found in the attached staff report.

* 1. Cybersecurity Sub-Committee Report

The report was given by Committee Chair, Phillip Cantrell, which can be found in the attached staff report.

* 1. Communications Sub-Committee Report

1. **Chair’s Report**
2. **HOTCOG Staff Report**

*Tim Jeske provided a four-page overview of regional events and projects that the COG staff are working on. Committee members liked the information and desired similar at future meetings.*

1. **New Business - Consideration of and/or Action On**
   1. Review, Discuss, and Approval of May 11, 2022 - EPAC Meeting Minutes – *Motion by Chris Cary and seconded by Jeff Watkins to approve minutes, motioned passed.*
   2. Renewable Energy Presentation Wind & Solar – Phillip Bainum, NextEra Energy – *Individuals presented and discussed solar and wind turbine projects in our region by their company. The Waco-Mart project map was shown and discussed. They shared valuable information about handling fires and events on their sites. They desired to meet with county EMCs and Fire Departments to provide information.*
   3. Central Texas Weather Radar Project - Apoorva Bajaj, ClimaVision *– provided project information concerning weather radar project that will improve the radar visibility for the HOTCOG counties. There will be an associated cost estimate of $3,000 - $15,000. Suggestion maded to consider for a regional project using HSGP funds.*
2. **Announcements or Future Business Items**

*Discussion about obtaining a regional communication company to handle repairs and new projects, sort of like a regional communication vendor.*

1. **Next EPAC Meeting**

Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, at 9:30 AM at the HOTCOG

1. **Adjournment**