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Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 13, 2021
HOTCOG – 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas

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Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Chair, Tom Hemrick, at 10:04 AM.

A. Guest recognition

Karen Petit, Manager of HOTCOG 211

B. Member introductions

Chris Anderson

Phillip Cantrell

Lee Cox

Ryan Dirker for Elizabeth Thomas

Matt Groveton

Rodney Hall

Trace Hendricks

Nate Smith

Jeff Watkins

Rob Bergerson

Chris Cary

Nancy Cross

Michael Graham

Danny Guerra

Tom Hemrick

Jeremy Shipley

Terry Townley

Martin Widtfeldt

HOTCOG Staff

Amy Derrick

Tim Jeske

II. Determination of Quorum

Mr. Hemrick stated that a quorum was present.

III. Proof of Posting

Mr. Jeske stated that there was proof of posting.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Communications Sub Committee report

Mr. Jeske spoke about the \$1.6 million Infrastructure grant that was awarded to HOTCOG. Advised that the timeline is hopeful to be done by the end of 2021.

Mr. Jeske advised he is trying to get a meeting scheduled with Nalcom and advised he has also spoken to Huffman communications regarding this grant and Kenwood radios. Harris radios are extremely too expensive.

Mr. Hemrick asked why Nalcom was contacted. Mr. Jeske advised that Nalcom is the Tait vendor for our region. Mr. Hemrick and Mr. Anderson stated that Nalcom is difficult to get into both Hill County and Bosque County. Mr. Hemrick suggested we speak to a representative at Daily Wells because of this.

Mr. Jeske also advised that regional communications are being looked at as well.

VI. Chair's Report

Mr. Hemrick advised this last month and a half has been difficult due to COVID and advised to try not to get sick.

VII. HOTCOG Staff Reports

A. 2020 SHSP Awards

Mr. Jeske advised the 2020 SHSP grants have been awarded and to be sure that everything is up to date in the grant.

HOTCOG's radio grant quote is expected to be received today and all EMCs will be contacted once that information is received. He advised that the radios will most likely be divvied out evenly.

Mr. Hemrick advised the Office of the Governor has been most difficult this year and advised everyone needs to stay on top of their grants because everyone in the same county will be put on hold regardless of who is in charge of the grant.

B. 2021 SHSP Timeline

Mr. Jeske advised that all grant applications are due on February 11 at 5 pm. He advised that everyone needs to make sure that someone from your jurisdiction must attend a workshop in order to apply for a grant.

Mr. Jeske advised the COG received an email that there are some changes regarding the national priorities and those changes will be announced once more information is received. Mr. Jeske advised there will be a conference call tomorrow afternoon that the COG will be attending with the Office of the Governor.

Mr. Jeske advised Mr. Hemrick is correct and the resolutions that have always been accepted are not now because a few words are not included in the resolution.

Mr. Hemrick asked if FEMA changes will be due to the pandemic getting worse. Mr. Jeske advised he is not aware of anything at this moment. But will let everyone know if that is changed. Mr. Jeske also advised that the COG's THIRA has included a pandemic since at least 2011 but was not planned for the impact.

VIII. New Business - Consideration of and/or Action On

- A. Review, Discuss, and Approval of November 18, 2020 - EPAC Meeting Minutes
Mr. Anderson made the motion to accept the November 18, 2020, EPAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

IX. Announcements or Future Business Items

Mr. Graham advised they have 20 – 25 VHF radios that he is going to transfer back to the COG. Mr. Hall asked if the radios are digital and Mr. Graham advised he believes most of them are digital and are Motorola radios.

X. Next EPAC Meeting

- A. Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Mr. Jeske advised the next meeting will be the scoring meeting and will be held at MCC. He advised to be prepared to stay all day and lunch will be provided.

Mr. Hemrick stressed that this meeting is very important for our region and to make sure to try to be in attendance.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 AM and it was seconded by Mr. Hall. All approved and the motion passed.