

Minutes
Emergency Management Advisory Board
November 9, 2021

On this 9th day of November, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the Emergency Management Advisory Board convened in a Regular Meeting, and the same being opened to the public at their regular meeting place; thereof, at the Dr. George S. Woods Community Center, 200 E. Hondo, Devine, Texas. Notice of said Meeting having been prescribed in Chapter 551, Government Code, and Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, and the following members being present:

Sandy Herrera, Chairman
Steve A. Lopez, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Greehey
Nick West

Absent being Susan Fernandez, Secretary; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; Tom Cate, City Attorney; and Rob Flores, Emergency Management Coordinator.

Others present: None

Chairman Sandy Herrera called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider Approval of Minutes for Meeting on October 28, 2021.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Board Member Lopez, seconded by Board Member West to approve the minutes for meeting held on October 28, 2021.

Ayes	--	Four – Board Members Lopez, West, Herrera and Greehey
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Board Member Fernandez

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider Funding for Emergency Generators and related items.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores informed the Board that part of the funds from the American Rescue Plan will be able to go towards the emergency generators. He said no grants are available for this.

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Chairman Herrera inquired if this falls under Federal or State level. According to Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores, it's all Federal and goes down to the State.

Board Member West inquired about prices for generators. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores stated that he got prices from two companies, and the prices range from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Board Member West suggested reaching out to oil companies; he said they may have some. According to Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores, it has to be an engineered plan with 20psi for water flow.

Board Member Lopez asked if AACOG (Alamo Area Council of Governments) had anything available. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores stated that he did look at them but they had nothing available.

Chairman Herrera asked, "How do we get the ball rolling?"

Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores informed the Board that Waukesha-Pearce will be coming down to give us an assessment. We need the transfer switches and need to get them installed. This will be a start.

No action was taken.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider Future Programs and Public Education.

The Board was informed that the Mayor is wanting to get churches and others involved in coming to the meetings, but we need to have structure so that not everyone is talking; we need to appoint a person to represent all of the churches, etc.

Discussion was held on what services are going to be a priority. Discussed was some of the following:

- Electric companies – They have forms to be completed from people who are in need of oxygen, for example. They can be put on a list not to be turned off.
- Transportation – For someone needing medical help
- Fuel stock – Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores mentioned that Mr. Groff from Valley Marts is usually the one who holds fuel for the City; he makes sure we have enough.
- Propane – Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores said that the Warhorse Tank generator uses natural gas.

Regarding Public Education, Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores told the Board that we have access to FEMA/Red Cross 72 hours of supplies where we do not have to rely on government help. He said that FEMA has a list of documents we can get.

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Board Member West inquired if we can set out pamphlets at the council meetings. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez said, yes. Discussion was held that we need to get the information out door-to-door, and we can also send out information through the school. According to Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez, we can also put out information on our City newsletter.

No action was taken.

The fourth order of business was Informational Items.

The Board discussed the following:

- Need to plan who we want to invite to the next meeting. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores suggested inviting the Police Department, Sheriff's Department, EMS and Fire Department.
- Pushing the water – According to Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores, we need to make sure that the Wastewater Treatment Plant system is up-to-date.
- Who to invite – Discussion was held on coming up with a list of who to invite. The Board is looking for representatives for the following, just to name a few:
 - Medina Electric
 - AEP
 - Food Pantry
 - Fire/All Emergency Units
 - Walmart
 - QT
 - Lowe's/Food King
 - Parker's Building Supply
 - Ministerial Fellowship
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Harrison's Supply
 - Devine News
 - WOG
 - Valley Mart – Groff
 - Morales Feed & Supply
 - Country Corner Motel
 - School – DISD
 - Insurance Companies
 - TXDOT
 - Hospice
 - Car Dealerships

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There being no further business to come before the Emergency Management Advisory Board, motion made by Board Member Greehey, seconded by Board Member West to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	--	Four – Board Members Lopez, West, Herrera and Greehey
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Board Member Fernandez

Motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary