

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING**

June 13, 2023

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Commissioners present: Bill Stokes, Duane Carptener, Gerald George, Jamie Joy Throgmorton, Doug Asbe over Zoom. Council Member Rick Dole also attended.

Commissioners absent: James White

Staff Present: Scott Thomas

1. The Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM in the Council Room at Maple Hall. The meeting was broadcast by Zoom.
2. Commissioner George moved to approve the minutes of the May 23 meeting, and Commissioner Carptener seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the Commission.
3. Public Comment: Glen Johnson noted that the Army Corp is doing some work, and wishes that La Conner could get the Army Corp to increase the height of the jetties. Commission discussion ensued.
4. Temporary flood measures: Administrator Thomas talked with the attorney for the Upper Skagit Tribe, David Hawkins. The Upper Skagit Tribe maintenance director will speak with Brian Lease. It is an ongoing project. The Commission discussed conditions to implement temporary flood measures. Last Decembers flood was a "100-year" flood. Administrator Thomas passed out a document that explains flood modeling. La Conner needs to pick a height to prepare for.
5. Commission discussed temporary heat shelters. Mention was made of the firehall, the library, and the middle school. The firehall has a generator in case of a power outage. Town communication, including challenges with communication, was discussed.
6. Community disaster recovery: Commissioner George highlighted the importance of communication in disaster recovery, and the importance of trust among community members. Ongoing discussion about encouraging community ensued.
7. Commissioner Asbe spoke about the tide gauge and said that Bellingham told him it was La Conner's responsibility to put it together. Commissioner Carptener volunteered to teach others how to read weather maps.
8. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.



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