

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

**June 27, 2023**

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Commissioners present: Bill Stokes, James White, Gerald George, Jamie Joy Throgmorton over Zoom. Council Member Rick Dole also attended.

Commissioners absent: Duane Carptener, Doug Asbe

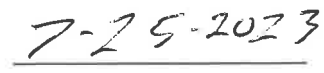
Staff Present: Scott Thomas, Brian Lease

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1. The Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM in the Council Room at Maple Hall. The meeting was broadcast by Zoom.
2. Commissioner George moved to approve the minutes of the June 13 meeting, and Commissioner Throgmorton seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the Commission.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Temporary flood measures: Staff will follow up with the Upper Skagit Tribe about the possibility of placing ecology blocks within their fishing facility. Ecology blocks will not be able to be placed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Town will have to hire an engineer to install a tide gauge and get it set up. Commission discussed the difference between short-term and long-term flood protection methods.
5. Commission discussed temporary heat shelters. Mention was made of the firehall, the library, and the middle school. Staff are working to get the Wastewater Treatment plant and Firehall a generator system and get A/C to the Firehall. The WWTP will need a much larger generator to function. Staff explained that this was a multi-year process.
6. Commissioners decided to change the meeting schedule of the EMC to only once a month, on the fourth Tuesday of the month.
7. Commissioner George spoke about inviting the Army Corp of Engineers to Town. Commission discussion ensued.
8. Commissioner White asked about the short and long term plans of the Commission. Staff explained that the Town needs to decide an elevation to protect against, and where to place a temporary flood protection wall given that any placement could cause other adverse effects. The EMC acts as an advisory committee and will give a recommendation on these questions to the Council. The EMC will begin their next meeting with a walking tour of the north end of La Conner.
9. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.



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Date