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Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting 9:30 AM, Wednesday, January 10, 2024 HOTCOG – 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas

I. Welcome and Introductions

A. Guest recognition

- Shawn Nixon (McLennan Co. SO)
- David Williams (TDEM)
- Chris Jackson (Hill Co. OEM)
- Matthew Schlaefer (TFS)
- Harold Furguson (HOTCOG)
- Martin Widtfeld (TDEM)
- Curtis Myers (TDEM)
- Andy Davis (HOTCOG)
- Lana Gudgel (HOTCOG)
- Wayne Stovall (HOTCOG)

B. Member introductions

- Trace Hendricks
- Kirk Turner
- Jeff Watkins
- Chris Cary
- Tom Hemrick (Chair)
- Phillip Cantrell
- Robert LaFoy
- Michael Graham
- Danny Guerra
- Ryan Dirker
- Rob Bergerson
- Buffy Waldie (Vice Chair)
- Heather Wheeler

II. Determination of Quorum

- Tom Hemrick determined a quorum was present.

III. Proof of Posting

- Andy Davis determined there was proof of posting.

IV. Public Comment

- None

V. Sub-Committee Reports

- None

VI. Chair's Report

- None

VII. HOTCOG Staff Reports

- Harold Furguson and Wayne Stovall discussed the (SERI) Statewide emergency Radio Infrastructure grant, including information on the

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application opening/close date, as well as previous projects that have been funded in the region.

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

- A.** Review, Discuss, and Approval of November 8, 2023 - EPAC Meeting Minutes
 - Michael Graham motioned to approve, Jeff Watkins seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B.** Deadlines for 2025 Grant Proposals
 - Wayne Stovall discussed the deadline to apply for (SHSP) State Homeland Security Program grant.
- C.** TDEM discussion of Solar Eclipse
 - Martin Widtfeld discussed the TDEM 147 form and his ability to help any entity in the region that needs assistance with it. Martin also spoke on the need for Solar Eclipse planning in all communities considering the solar eclipse path will cross into each county. Martin explained how the STAR webform will remain the primary method of requesting state resources.
 - David Williams announced training opportunities: T600, 3 Day Road show, G-202 and who should apply for the training.
 - Discussion of using a (COW) Cellular on Wheels, in preparation for the Solar Eclipse was brought up from Harold Furguson. Michael Graham, and Chris Jackson explained the stance and measures on using a COW in their respective counties.
- D.** Discussion of BMAP Program
 - Lana Gudgel gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on what the BMAP program is and how it can positively impact the regional communities.
- E.** Grant Workshop dates reminder (1/9, 1/11, 1/16, 1/17/2024)
 - Lana discussed where to find information on grant workshops and why they are necessary.
- F.** Vote on updates to EPAC By-Laws
 - Andy Davis explained what major changes have been made to the bylaws and how officer and member term start/ending dates have changed.
 - Tom Hemrick motioned to approve, Chris Cary seconded the motion, motion carried.
- G.** EPAC Committee re-appointments and vacancies.
 - Andy discussed what vacancies and appointments are pending approval from the Executive Committee.
 - A vote was made to renominate Tom Hemrick as the Chairperson
 - o Michael Graham motioned to approve the nomination, Phillip Cantrell seconded the motion, the motion carried.

IX. Announcements or Future Business Items

- Tom and Wayne expressed the importance of attendance of the February 15th EPAC scoring meeting.

X. Next EPAC Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 9:30 AM at the HOTCOG

XI. Adjournment

- Harold motioned to adjourn, Buffy Waldie seconded the motion, the motion carried.