

LWC Safety Committee Minutes for 06-Sep-2025

(Note: This is the Otter AI version of the minutes based on its "Summary". Any additional information or clarifications that were not part of the meeting but added by the recorder are indicated with red italics.)

Called to Order: 0932 PDT

Attendees: Bill Albright, Anne Bradley (Committee Chair), Molly Dumas (BoD Liaison), Chuck Duncan, Patricia Koonce, Chris Lodge, Cheryl Meece, Ken Williams, Michael Tomlinson (*recorder*)

Transcript

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Key points included the successful July 23 tabletop exercise, the August 4 power outage response, and the DMR radio test. The committee discussed the need for external antennas and dedicated electrical lines at the Crow's Nest. They also reviewed the *Lincoln County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* and the donation of a Uniden digital trunking scanner. The board approved providing Midland radios to new homeowners, and Earl Rother's input on emergency communications was highlighted.

Action Items

- [] Contact ICS team members to get the make and model of their radios.
- [] Set up a separate meeting with the ICS team to discuss designating a private channel and using privacy codes.
- [] Continue programming the Uniden digital trunking scanner and create instructions for its use.
- [] Follow up with Central Lincoln PUD to request a map and information on transformers and *buried* power lines in the community.
- [] Coordinate with Randy to finalize the design and production of emergency preparedness magnets with a QR code.

Outline

Meeting Agenda and Attendance

- Anne Bradley outlined the ambitious agenda for the bi-monthly meeting and mentioned the importance of the **LWC** Town Hall meeting on governance documents.

- Michael Tomlinson and Anne Bradley discussed the need to adjust the meeting time due to participants' schedules.
- Anne Bradley thanked everyone for attending and mentioned the importance of the meeting's agenda items.

Review of Previous Exercises and Incidents

- Anne Bradley reviewed the successful July 23 *Wildfire* Tabletop Exercise (*TTX*) facilitated by Dave Dumas and mentioned an after-action report was produced for this TTX.
- Anne Bradley discussed the distant tsunami warning from the July 29 eastern Russia (*Kamchatka M8.8*) earthquake and the informal text chain initiated through group text.
- Anne Bradley highlighted the August 4 partial power outage and the effective use of the text group and radio poll.
- Bill Albright reported on the DMR test provided by the Cascadia Coastal Coalition, noting the cumbersome nature of the radio and the need for an app.

Water Filtration Systems and Public Utilities

- Anne Bradley discussed the personal and group manual water filtration systems in the SOC and the importance of having directions available.
- Anne Bradley mentioned contacting the City of Depoe Bay Public Works Department to learn about the pumping station and its capabilities.
- Anne Bradley noted the lack of access to the generator and the need for common sense in an emergency with regard to this pumping station.
- Anne Bradley discussed the importance of public education programs on wildfire and residential fire awareness.

Antenna Project and ICS Team Communication

- Anne Bradley introduced the antenna project and the support of the board, emphasizing the need for board approval for successful implementation.
- Bill Albright reported on the meeting with Michael Eastman and John Moore (both with the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club), noting the need for external antennas and dedicated electrical lines.

- Bill Albright suggested designating a separate channel for the ICS team on GMRS radios for private communication. Others could listen in, but they would not be able to interrupt transmissions between the ICS members.
- Michael Tomlinson added that even FRS radios can use the privacy codes, making it accessible to all ICS team members. *Note, however, that some Midland (and possibly other) FRS radios cannot use DCS (Digital Coded Squelch) "privacy" codes but must rely on CTCSS (analog tone) codes.*

Lincoln County's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

- Michael Tomlinson briefly reviewed what he read of the *Lincoln County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*, focusing on the hazard section and the *Depoe Bay Addendum*.
- Michael Tomlinson encouraged reviewing the *Depoe Bay Addendum* for useful maps and information.
- Anne Bradley mentioned the donation of a Uniden digital trunking scanner and its potential benefits for the Safety Committee.
- Michael Tomlinson highlighted the scanner's capabilities, including tracking frequency switches and recording radio conversations. *In the interest of saving time, he and Anne referred people to the Uniden Trunking Scanner Review that was distributed for this meeting and available on the Emergency Preparedness webpage.*

Central Lincoln Map Request and Depoe Bay Emergency Preparedness Committee

- Anne Bradley requested a map and review of transformers and power lines from Central Lincoln, following Paul Caldron's suggestion.
- Anne Bradley mentioned the Depoe Bay Emergency Preparedness Committee as another asset for information sharing.
- Bill Albright reported on the successful radio poll with 17 responders and the presence of Earl Rother (long-term, parttime LWC resident).
- Anne Bradley provided background on Earl Rother's experience and interest in mitigation plans and communications.

New Owner Escrow Phase and Training

- Anne Bradley announced the board's approval of increasing the new owner escrow phase to include Midland T71 X-Talker FRS radios.

- Anne Bradley emphasized the board's support for emergency preparedness and the importance of new homeowners being prepared.
- Michael Tomlinson explained the plan to provide single-page instructions for new homeowners to set up their radios.
- Anne Bradley suggested following up with new homeowners through the Welcome Committee and Safety Captains.

Welcome Committee Magnets and Meeting Conclusion

- Molly Dumas inquired about the progress of the Welcome Committee magnets with QR codes linking to the emergency site.
- Anne Bradley mentioned contacting Randy Kollars to check on the status of the magnets.
- Anne Bradley thanked everyone for their participation and support, noting the productive nature of the meeting.
- Bill Albright asked for the time of the meeting with Earl Rother, and Anne Bradley confirmed it is at 2 pm on September 9 in the Rec Center Library.

Adjourned: 1017 PDT