



Bay City Emergency Volunteers  
**Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:30 pm**  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Ad Montgomery Community Hall  
5525 B Street, Bay City

1. Introductions
2. January 16, 2024 meeting summary. Approval.
3. February 19, 2024 meeting summary. Approval.
4. Financial Report. No changes, remains \$274.89 available this FY.
5. Emergency Resource Center status, update
6. CERT training report (Romy)
7. SPIRE Grant application was not successful. Next steps?
8. Radio training and radio mapping: Our April meeting will be radio training with little time for business. Repeater location concerns – you had expressed concerns about the repeater location not reaching around the hill. I found out it doesn't reach Tillamook, so we'll need to raise the antenna or move it or something.
9. Planning for the State of the City April 20<sup>th</sup>
10. Work party for installing shelves in the container
11. Be 2 Weeks Ready Tool Kit
12. Great Oregon Camp-In
13. Next meeting: April 15, 2024, 5:30

## **Bay City Emergency Volunteers – January 16, 2024, 5:30-6:30pm**

**Present:** Liane Welch, Cathy Mani, Don Backman, Sean McRae, Gary Frey, Hilde Frey, Romy Carver, Frank Brown, Gary Baker, Greg Sweeney, Syd Elliott, David McCall

Called to order at 5:28pm. Did introductions. December minutes were not available. Financial report reviewed and approved.

**Warming Center:** renamed for now to Emergency Resource Center (ERC). 13 volunteers have signed up; passed sign in sheet for corrections and additions. Romy will reach out to Mick about the St. Alban's shelter and coordinate the call list for now. Don and Romy will work on signage; perhaps Roy can print them. Liane and Sean will get snacks and supplies from the shed and bring to City Hall for storage; Cathy will meet with Boosters to talk about donations. Liane will be the main contact for the decision to open the ERC, with support from Gary B. and Don. We will need at least two people to run it (not including city staff on site), and only volunteers will be allowed in the kitchen. We need to consider who is physically able to get here in the event of opening. About half of the group is trained on the generator and it would be a good idea to train everyone who is interested; additional people will have keys. We will also need power strips to charge multiple devices. Can promote through social media, readerboard in real time, radios.

**Grant Application:** Syd, Hilde, and Liane presented the list (copies provided) that they developed for the grant application, which is due in April. The amount requested was \$30,290, and they requested feedback on the amounts, particularly around the \$5000 in communications. The group discussed the repeater, and Frank and Gary B. will form a subcommittee to investigate what is needed for a repeater. Some of what we need will depend on the eventual location of the repeater. They will give an update at the February meeting. Syd shared samples of a compacted tent, sleeping bag and stove, which lend themselves to efficient storage.

**Radio Training/Mapping:** The group is interested in radio training. We will bring radios to the next meeting to do testing, as well as reach out to people who are currently issued radios. Discussed the repeater considerations and potentially changing frequencies, possibly to channel 18 or 20, which appear to be unused.

**Firewise Update:** Gary F. applied for the designation of Bay City as a Firewise Community. One requirement is an expectation of a certain amount of money or

hours being contributed by the households served (collectively), so encompassing all of Bay City may be overly ambitious. He wants to reassess the program and reduce the number of households. We discussed documentation of contributions made by households in the program. Other households would not be refused, but would not be counted for documentation purposes.

**Container/Shed Show and Tell Event:** We will plan for this even when the weather is better. At the State of the City (4/20, 2-4pm), it can be promoted.

**Next meeting:**

Monday, February 19, 2024, 5:30pm at City Hall

Bring GMRS radios

Report from Gary and Frank on repeater issues and needs

Update on Firewise on commitment needed from community

Update on Emergency Response Center (if any)

## **Bay City Emergency Volunteers – February 19, 2024, 5:30-6:30pm**

**Present:** Liane Welch, Frank Brown, Don Backman, Gary Baker, Darin Holm, Greg Sweeney, Sean McRae, Romy Carver, Jill Princehouse, Syd Elliott, Tim Borman, Kim Borman, Michael Dressler, Roy Markee, John Beaston

Called to order at 5:30pm. February minutes were not available and we did not have an agenda. Liane reports that the funds available remain at \$267.

**Generator Training:** Roy provided a generator training to the group. The instructions for the generator are next to the breaker box.

**Radios:** Frank reports that the repeater is up in a temporary site at the water tower. We are now using the Repeater 18 Channel (026). We reviewed some radio basics. Please pause for a moment after keying the mic before speaking, and for a moment after. Radio Check is on each Wednesday evening at 7pm. We do roll call, then ask for any late arrivals. We will be adding Bayocean and Capre Meares. Gary B is managing the list of people with radios. Liane will get a list of current radio holders to Gary B.

John from EVCNB spoke about how repeaters have a huge impact on getting everyone involved. EVCNB currently has 300 radio holders; of these, about 75 per week check in. He recommends doing a list by region during roll call as the group grows, and keeping track of who participates in weekly check ins. They do radio training for all radio holders. They use the repeater for announcements, then use non-repeater channels. They have eight zones, and each has its own channel. **John will be attending our March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to do a training.** We will dedicate the first half hour to our regular meeting, and John will join us from 6-7 to do the radio training. A couple of tips mentioned were to hold the radio close to your mouth and straight up, not tilted to one side, for better reception.

**Resilience Hub:** Liane reports that \$10 million is available statewide for grants. She will send out questions to the group to help prioritize and get feedback. She will compile this to inform the grant application.

**Emergency Resource Center:** We have fliers for the community, and signs for the building. We will enlarge the welcome sign, laminate it, and keep it with other ERC supplies to be velcroed to the wall as needed. Romy and Syd will add QR codes to the fliers. Further discussion included considerations about people needing longer term help, i.e. on oxygen; we discussed getting them to longer term

options since our hours are limited. Romy attended the Shelter Leadership meeting, and obtained info from EVCNB about their similar shelter program. We will also need surge protectors as the number of outlets in the hall are limited. We discussed CERT training, and getting more CERT volunteers to coordinate across the county. We can use our existing networks to get people involved in BCEV and other preparedness activities.

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