



Bonner County LEPC  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting Notes – 6/9/2022  
Bonner County Admin Building

Meeting called to order at 9:01AM –Michael Lambert

Pledge of Allegiance

Rick Lynskey made a motion to accept the meeting notes of May, Gavin Gilcrease 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Attendees

Pete Hughes – BC Waterways	Steve Sanchez – Pend Oreille Surgery Center-Zoom
Jeff Lindsey-BC EMS-Zoom	Nick Zahler – Bonfire Program Manager
Lee Lukehart-ARES	Keith Mahan-ARES
Pam Brockus – BC Emergency Management	Merlin Glass – Dover City Council
Allen Ashby-Idaho State Police-Zoom	Michael Lambert – Valley Vista
Bill Steele – BCEM Volunteer Liaison	Brenda Bramwell-Bonner General Health
Brad Mitton- Northside Fire	Brent McDaniel – Avista-Zoom
Rob Hooper – CSG-Zoom	Steve Roos – Citizen-Zoom
Aurora Some- Kootenai Health-Zoom	Steve Bodnar-NWS-Zoom
Gavin Gilcrease-Selkirk Fire	Rick Lynsky-7BCARES
Meghan Howk-Kaniksu Health-Zoom	Nick Mechikoff-Panhandle Health
John Freeman- Ziplly	Jason Topp-BC Road and Bridge-Zoom
Brian Hicks-IDL	Christian Jostlein-BC Risk

Hazmat report for discussion-None

Guest Speaker – Bill Steele Wildfire Weather Outlook-Follow up with Steve Bodden  
NWS

Nick Mechikoff- emPOWER: A system in place at the health district to determine the location of persons with electrically dependent equipment, through Medicare and Medicaid. Two hour minimum of receipt of the list of citizens. Keep in mind for power outage, winter storms, fires, etc.

## Around the Room

Meghan Howk- Kaniksu opened their internal pharmacy and opening same day urgent care clinic.

Allen Ashby- 100 Deadliest days of summer begins Memorial Day, gearing up. Busy with events, law enforcement assisted diversion begins July.

Brent McDaniel- Post Falls Avista dam tabletop went well

Aurora Hope-increase in covid cases

Steve Sanchez-Chafe 150 is June 18th

Bill Steele-CERT monthly training is Evacuation receiving and sheltering Open to public

Gavin Gilcrease- Being mindful in responses with lots of traffic (foot and car) Tree rescue class (High angle) downtown today at Farmin Landing and tomorrow on Ontario at Alpine Family Medicine

Brenda Bramwell-Back to wearing masks at BGH, staffing is low

Christian Jostlein-Attended Cascadia Rising TTX best takeaway is all counties had the same concern.

Pete Hughes- Recreation numbers are low, boaters are low. Water temp is roughly 48\* at 2 feet level. Lake takes time to warm up. Albenai Falls dam gates open to accommodate for run off. River is swift, lots of debris.

Lee Lukehart-Ham Radio Handler exams are has changed hands to ARES. The next one is Saturday 6-11. Field day for ARES is a nationwide even the last full weekend in June at the Edgemere Grange. Participated in the Cascadia Drill for communications and deployed the Comms trailer. Bonner to Boundary and Kootenai were good comms, to Benewah and Shoshone, not so much.

Rick Lynskey-Take away from the tabletop is that there is a need for more practice. Exercise is beneficial, and a need for more volunteers.

Brian Hicks-Machine piles were cut off from burning, but extended for 10 days. Training is complete (Urban Interface class) with many graduates. Bonners Ferry is short 3 firefighters with staffing. IDL has a hand crew in Phoenix, AZ.

Michael Lambert-Valley Vista back into Covid phase, not blown up yet, but even if it does, visitors are still welcome and will not ever close it down to the public again.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08AM