

1 Depoe Bay Planning Commission
2 Special Meeting
3 Wednesday, September 15, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.
4 Depoe Bay City Hall
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6 PRESENT: President D. Goddard, G. Steinke, S. Scopelleti, B. Taunton, R. Hageman, J. Hayes,
7 P. Leoni
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9 STAFF: City Planner L. Lewis, Recording Secretary C. Duering
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11 I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

12 Goddard called the Meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 P.M.
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14 II. DEPOE BAY DISASTER WARNING SYSTEM
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16 Goddard opened the discussion by receiving comments from attendees in the audience: Michael Dane,
17 Lincoln County Emergency Communications, Primary Assignment Depoe Bay Emergency Operations;
18 Lieutenant Curtis Landers, Emergency Services Manager, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office - Office of
19 Emergency Management; Joshua Williams, Fire Chief, Depoe Bay Rural Fire Protection District; and
20 Brady Weidner, City Field Supervisor, City of Depoe Bay. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding:
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- 22 • Other Coastal Communities are facing the same challenges – Funds to acquire a Siren/Warning
23 System and the long-term funding for maintenance.
- 24 • Estimated costs \$25,000 for an audible tone/voice stainless steel (corrosive resistant) Warning
25 System (not including installation) and \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year for maintenance (figures
26 provided to Michael Dane by Gordon McGraw, Director, Tillamook County Emergency
27 Management).
- 28 • Suggested locations capable of covering the entire City Limits (in theory – no data) – north and
29 south Water Tanks (utilize the existing hard wired telemetry systems and phone line - System
30 could be controlled remotely and accessibility to back-up power).
- 31 • Dane shared his experience as a young boy with Emergency Preparedness and his survival of the
32 Hawaii Tsunami of 1960 (generated by a 9.9 earthquake in Chili); he mentioned that James
33 Roddey, Earth Sciences Information Officer (Public Education Team), Oregon Department of
34 Geology and Mineral Industries, has addressed Tsunami Preparedness - A Siren System is
35 effective for Long-Distance Warning (i.e. Cascadia Subduction Event in Alaska) an Event Off-
36 Shore (i.e. Cascadia Subduction Zone 9.0+ Earthquake and Tsunami) the Earthquake is the
37 Warning. Dane suggested that the Planning Commission/Community would benefit from a
38 Presentation by James Roddey.
- 39 • A Siren/Alarm is intended to alert the populace to turn on a radio or TV for the Natural Hazard
40 Event details.
- 41 • Public's tendency towards complacency and the inundation of 911 when a Siren is activated;
42 public awareness, education and participation is imperative (Visitors need to be a priority).
- 43 • Funding and/or procurement sources – Lack of funding opportunities through State (OEM) or
44 Federal (FEMA) Grants; percentage of City's Transient Room Tax allocated for the purpose of
45 financing Public Safety/Law Enforcement Efforts, bonds, private organizations, Umatilla and
46 Hawthorne Weapons Depots (System would likely need to be to upgraded to adhere to current
47 standards), USDA Forest Service (Hebo Ranger District recently provided assistance to the Sand
48 Lake Recreational Area).
- 49 • Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Adoption of a Uniform Tsunami Warning Signal Standard
50 includes guidance on tone, testing, and placement, etc. (copy attached to original of these
51 Minutes).

- 1 • Synopsis of TsunamiReady™, TsunamiPrepared Program Components (copy of Fact Sheet
2 attached to original of these Minutes).
- 3 • Coastal Emergency Managers will be meeting at Oregon Emergency Management on September
4 29th – One of the topics will be establishing guidelines for the Siren duration.
- 5 • Reverse 911 and NOAA Weather Alert Radios in conjunction with Sirens/Warning Systems
6 (Radio Shack retail priced at \$29.95).
- 7 • U.S. Coast Guard’s role in Preparedness and/or Emergency Situations.
- 8 • Coordination of entities i.e. local Utility Companies, benefits of quantity/bulk purchasing (i.e.
9 Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln County Emergency Services, other Communities i.e.
10 Miroco, Gleneden Beach, etc.). Steinke shared his personal knowledge of how the Tierra del Mar
11 Community acquired and utilized a Warning System.
- 12 • Chief Joshua Williams stressed that the Depoe Bay Rural Fire Protection District (not the Depoe
13 Bay Fire Department) stretches from the Siletz Bay Bridge to the Spencer Creek Bridge
14 (approximately 14 miles) and their commitment to service the entire District (financial resources
15 prohibit such a major expense), his desire to have the capability to activate/operate the Alarm
16 System along with LinCom, and his willingness to participate in Education and Outreach.
- 17 • City of Depoe Bay, Lincoln County Emergency Services, and Depoe Bay Rural Fire Protection
18 District Emergency Advisory/Warning Strategy/Protocol.
- 19 • The recently purchased Emergency Communications Trailer is currently being stored at the Water
20 Treatment Plant (2 blocks from the Staging Area).
- 21 • Tsunami Evacuation Signage and Evacuation Routes.

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23 In conclusion the Planning Commission established a Critical Path identifying the sequence of actions
24 (Siren – establish Location, Initial and Maintenance Costs) and invited Dane, Weidner, Lt. Landers, and
25 Chief Williams (Goddard will call U.S. Coast Guard Chief) to attend their next Planning Commission
26 Meeting (October 13, 2010) and specifically asked Dane to pursue the contact information for the
27 Weapons Depot; Lt. Landers to obtain an approved Vendor List (if available) for their review and
28 comments at the next Meeting; and Weidner volunteered to check with State Surplus. Lt. Landers
29 announced that he would not be able to attend but would submit any information he may acquire to City
30 Hall prior to the Meeting. The Planning Commission thanked the attendees and Dane expressed his
31 gratitude for their sincerity.

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33 IX. ADJOURN

34 There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.
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39 Dorinda Goddard, President

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41 Carla Duering, Recording Secretary