



Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Unalaska Public Library – Community Room

Virtual Attendance: Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **1:01 PM** by Chair **Peter Gurney**.

2. Roll Call

Attendees Present (In Person):

Peter Gurney
Wayne Jackson
Greg Peters
Erica Aus
Rachel Alinsunurin
Zac Shasteen
Lauren Adams
Gary Bullock (U.S. Coast Guard)
Sasha Rankin
Cameron Dean
Greg Walter
Ellis Berry
Abner Hoage
Sofia Stuart-Rasi

Attendees Present (via Zoom):

Ferdinand Lopez
Lynn Crane

3. Approval of the Agenda

Erica Aus suggested an edit to the agenda changing “Secretary’s Report” to “Treasurer’s Report.” The agenda was adjusted accordingly.

4. Approval of Minutes

Greg Peters moved to approve the draft minutes from the previous regularly scheduled meeting. The minutes were approved.

5. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer noted that detailed financial statements are available upon request. The LEPC received a PSEA grant, and the current account balance is **\$11,188.57**.

6. Business

Tier II Hazardous Chemical Reporting

Greg Peters provided an update on Tier II Hazardous Chemical Reporting. Reports are due **March 1**. Reminder notices have been sent to facilities that have not yet submitted reports for the current year or in previous years. There are currently **seven outstanding reports**.

There was discussion regarding whether the City of Unalaska’s 2025 submission is reflected in the reporting system. Abner Hoage stated that he had been informed the City’s report had been submitted, and Greg Peters advised that the submission should be verified, as it does not currently appear in the system. The next three weeks will serve as a waiting period prior to the reporting deadline.

Grant Updates

Chair Peter Gurney provided a brief update on two **SHSP State Homeland Security Grant Program** awards that LEPC helped facilitate.

- **Unalaska City School District:** Received **\$169,350** for a school security framework, including new security cameras and an access control system. Installation work is underway.
- **City of Unalaska:** Received approximately **\$100,000** for upgraded security camera systems for Public Safety and City Hall. The project has been delayed due to DHS&EM processing, but approvals are now in place and equipment ordering is moving forward.

Overall, both projects are active and progressing, with completion timelines extending into spring and beyond.

City of Unalaska Hazard Mitigation Plan

Interim City Manager Abner Hoage provided background on the City of Unalaska Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and its development process. He noted that the plan supports long-term mitigation planning and informs the Emergency Operations Plan. The plan is valid for five years.

Emergency Communications Resilience – Meshtastic

Greg Walter described Meshtastic radios and their use during the recent GCI outage. Radios cost under \$100, connect via Bluetooth, and form a decentralized communication network. Devices operate line-of-sight, with a typical range of approximately two miles depending on terrain. Repeaters may be needed to improve coverage over hills or across larger areas. The technology was originally developed in 2020.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The committee noted that there are currently **eight certified CERT members**. Two meetings were held in 2025, with additional meetings planned in 2026. The program is currently awaiting identification of a sponsor or host agency to support administration.

Roundtable

- The LEPC Facebook page currently has **284 followers**.
- Ellis Berry discussed similar mesh-network systems such as Yggdrasil.
- Cameron Dean provided information on the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Lauren Adams offered assistance with PSAs and noted that KUCB received funding for backup power.
- A house number project update was discussed.
- Ferdinand Lopez noted GIS discrepancies, and Cameron Dean offered assistance.
- Greg Peters asked about the potential purchase of Meshtastic radios.
- Wayne Jackson discussed Delta Western support and engine coolant disposal issues.
- Peter Gurney reported submitting a support letter to the LEPC Association.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **2:09 PM**.

Submitted by:

Peter Gurney, Chair
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