

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 6, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President, and Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, RACES Radio Officer. There were 7 members present.

Minutes from the January 6th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion about the Christmas 1996 and New Years 1997 Safety Breaks. Ken has not talked to Bob Epler yet. Since the weather has been bad and the roads in bad shape, he didn't want to interfere with his work responsibilities. Ken will talk to him as soon as he's sure Mr. Epler won't be busy.

There was a discussion about the repeater and the noise that is on it when it is cold. Ken says the Don N8NUS will be in contact with Doctor John Lee about purchasing some MASTR Execute II radio that have a 150 Mhz receiver and a UHF transmitter to replace the dual band radios that are being used for remote receivers.

Ken gave a report on the communications vehicle. The floor has been repaired and the top layer of floor has been replaced. The antenna support system, consisting of a 1 and a half inch aluminum tubing has been installed inside, under the roof. The star foam that will be glued to the inside roof has been purchased and waiting to be installed. The work detail this week will be used to install the star foam insulation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ruth Anne KA3PCS said she has tentative dates for the meeting/class for the grant writing. She would still like to have a couple more people to go, just incase something would happen to one of the others. The tentative dates for the meeting/classes will be: March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, and July 6th. The first meeting will be held in Wood County. The rest of the meeting will be held in either Wetzell or Jackson counties. She should have a firm date by Saturday, February

9th.

It was discussed about the type of radios that will be needed to be installed in the communications vehicle. At the present time we are going to get a proposal for three 150 Mhz radios, one Low Band radio, and one UHF radio. As soon as we get the proposal, it will be presented to Wood County Emergency Services.

There was a discussion on what kind of Amateur HF rig and HF antenna we should get for the communications vehicle. Duane suggested that use one of the Ten-Tec radios out of the EOC, followed by a lengthy discussion.

Ken said there would be Volunteer Exam testing this coming Saturday, but he would be able to help install the insulation until it starts, and after it is over.

Duane talked about the possibility of starting a CW Broadcast on two meters to allow code practice for those who want to either get their five word-per-minute code or upgrade. He says we need more HF voice radio operators.

It was decided to hold off on getting the Hot Chocolate in packets until we use up the cans of Hot Chocolate mix we have on hand.

Another idea was brought up about having weather stations installed in the new communications vehicle and the communications trailer.

It was brought up about what size generator would be installed on the communications vehicle. A concern about having battery chargers for Walkie/Talkies was discussed.

Ken said the Steve Boyles has contacted him about operating BINGO games at an activity they will be holding at the 4-H camp grounds. The activities will be held May 11th and 12th. The group agreed to operate the games if certain things were met. It will be a closed in area and you will have to pay at the gate. A meeting will have to be held with Steve to work out the problems.

Jim Rose called from Camden Clark Hospital, and said we need to get down there and get the old ambulance they are giving to us. Alan N8POB Unit 274 said he would contact Jim Rose and go pick up the ambulance. Aaron N8NVQ/Unit 276 said he would go with him. They are to pick the

unit up Thursday the 8th, if all goes well.

The next Wood County Fire Fighters Association meeting will be held at Eastwood Fire station on Monday February 12th.

Duane gave a review test on the "Basic Telephone Operations." It was a review of the 4 out of 5 Wood County RACES Bulletins, Numbers 96.02, 96.03, 96.04 and 96.05.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa KB8UER/Unit 270, Duane N8LDM/Unit 260, Sam N8SVX/Unit 256, Al N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bob KB8RNE/Unit 264, Aaron N8NVQ/Unit 276, Bill N8KMN/Unit 254, Alan N8POB/Unit 274, Bill N8JXO/Unit 283, Leo WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ken KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ruth Anne KA3PCS/Unit 266.