



## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

### Minutes of January 7, 2020

The monthly business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 11 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the December 3, 2019 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has had no bad reports about the 147.255 MHz Repeater, and it seems to be working okay except for the programming of the ID Code after ten minutes. Ken had a show-n-tell of some equipment that will be used for the remote receivers of the repeater. The new receiving system will be a scanning system instead of a voting system. The repeater transmitter will scan all of the remote frequencies. Whichever frequency the scanner stops on, will be the one that gets repeated. Earl, KB8HRG, is designing a circuit that will only allow full quiet signals to be scanned.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) are still up and working. He said he needs to get the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins put on the site when, Ken, WA8LLM, gets them to him, which Ken forgot to send this month. Bill said he forgot to bring a copy of the bill for the domain name which he has paid.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting down at the bottom of his driveway. Ken said that he saw some water on the floor, but he found that one of the windows had been left open. He said that he still hasn't installed the Solar Panels and Batteries.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz repeater is still on the air and seems to be working okay. He reminded everyone the repeater is only putting



out 17 Watts, and is connected to the 444 MHz antenna on the top of his 84 foot tower. A short discussion followed.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their ARES registration up-to-date. The ARES forms can be found on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who haven't taken the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, should try to complete them. The courses are accessible through the training link on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their activities hours up-to-date and turn them into him. Ken said the hours will be down for awhile until activities start getting scheduled. He said the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race, and Vienna Fun Run should be scheduled for April.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that her place of employment is going to be operating a BINGO event. They are going to give WCEC a donation for the use of the WCEC Tables, Chairs, BINGO Machine, and Public Address system. The event will be held on January 31st. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, he received an E-Mail from Kroger about their next donation. He has also deposited the last donation check in the bank. He reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives try to register their Kroger discount cards.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there have been no activities to use the Everbridge system.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are no changes or updates to the Hendershot Farm Tower. He said the weather is supposed to be pretty good this coming weekend, and maybe some more sections of tower can be added. Ken says he still needs to change some of the hardware on the guy wires. Joe, N8MEV, is still working on the new Gin-Pole for working on towers. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to the holidays, he hasn't had time to make a trip to Tyler County to get the old Tyler County Amateur Radio repeater.



Ken said that when we get the repeater, we will need to get back with the Pleasants County Commissioners to talk about the use of their county tower. If we get permission to use the tower, we may have to get a certified climber to hang an antenna. We will also need to coordinate the old Tyler County frequency of 147.36 MHz.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the Wood County fire repeater system.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind all of the members to have their friends and relatives that order anything from Amazon to do it through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and set up charitable contribution to Wood County Emergency Communications.

Ken, WA8LLM, still needs to pay the rent for the 4-H building for the Hamfest which will be held on October 10th. He said there is supposed to be an increase in the rent. If it is too much, we will pay it this year, and maybe look for some place else for next years Hamfest.

## NEW BUSINESS

Judy, N8UFQ, brought the bill for the rent of the Lubeck Civic Center building. The amount of the bill was \$155.00

While at the meeting, Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she got a Text Message from Duane, N8LDM. Duane said the Challenge at Mountwood will be held on April 5th. He didn't say anything about needing communications help.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

## THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Dave Epler KJ4OML, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255