

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC  
APRIL 1, 2025

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 9 members and guests present at the meeting.

A motion to accept the March 4, 2025 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Steve, KL8T, and seconded by Bill. N8JXO. Motion carried. There were extra copies of the March 4, 2025, minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read, Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to accept the Treasures Report, seconded by Bill. N8JXO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said that he has a problem getting the repeater to shut down for the simplex net using his Motorola Base station. He said that he may have to use a Hand Held radio to shut the repeater down for the simplex net. In the mean time the net on the last Sunday of the month will be held using the repeater. Ken said he hasn't had time to check on the Rockport Remote Receiver. He said that he has been talking to Earl, KB8HRG, about helping him build a noise detector to place on the UHF Link Receiver at the repeater transmitter site. Ken says he is hoping to install remote receivers at Sand Hill, Orr Farm, Red Hill, City View Drive, and Summit site this summer.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) web sites, are still up and working fine. Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to get Bill copies of the 2023, 2024, and 2025 ARES Bulletins.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the communications trailer is still setting at the Field Day site. Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the weather is getting better, and the ground is starting to dry, we can move the trailer if we need to. A short discussion followed.

Joe, N8MEV and Bob, KC8RSJ, says the 443.175 MHz repeater is still working.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that we still need to keep our equipment list up-to-date as a resource. An ARES Form can be found on the websites of [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com)

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who hasn't completed the NIMS, ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, and any other NIMS communications courses, they should try to get them completed. If anyone completes any of the courses he would like to have a copy of their certificates to be placed in the WCEC files.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. Any meetings and other activities that are attended, should also be kept track of.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a couple weeks ago he received an E-Mail from Kroger saying a donation check would be arriving shortly. He hasn't seen the check yet. He reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives register their Kroger card. Just go on Kroger.com community activity site, and follow the instructions. Show Wood County Emergency Communications as the recipient.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took the other two 6 volt batteries to the Hendershot Farm tower site, and connected them with the other batteries that were rearranged to make an 18 volt system in January. Ken said that he has the wooden blocks that will be attached to the solar panels so they can be placed on the building roof. Ken also has the new transmitter that will be

used on the GMRS 462.55 MHz repeater ready to take to the transmitter site. Ken said to remember, any equipment that is wired onto the batteries to use something to drop the voltage down from 18 volts, to 12 volts. Ken says he still needs to mount the bolt latch on the door. Right now the door is held shut by laying a block against the door.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Digital Network) 2.4 GHz system seems to be working fine. He needs to finish making the mount for the 100 watt solar panel that will be installed at the Broad Street Water Tank site. The site is working with three 25 watt panels, but Earl, KB8HRG, thinks that one or two of them isn't working properly.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Basic Electronic Class is still on hold until we can find a place to hold the classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is a GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) meeting held in Ravenswood at the same time as the WCEC meeting. The Jackson County users are trying to form a GMRS group. Ken said that Max, KC8JHI and the group are working on a couple GMRS repeaters in Jackson County.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, says the tower at Orr Farm is still on hold for a little longer. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't talked to the E-911 director, or the Wood County Emergency Services Director about using one of the meeting rooms for the WCEC Meetings yet. There is a LEPC meeting coming up shortly, maybe we can talk to them at that time.

Kenny, KB8YAV, still doesn't know how much longer he will be working for the Federal Government, so the exercise he was planning on is on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that regular Field Day will be held on June 28th and 29th. He said that he would like to take advantage of the solar panels at the Hendershot Farm tower site. Ken said he building new Inverted "V" antennas that can be used on 80, 75, 40, 20, 15, and 10 Meters. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he was going to submit a Hamfest Application to the ARRL, and hope they put it in the QST Magazine this year. The Hamfest will be held on October 11th. Ken stopped by the Court House to check if the building has been reserved. It is on their calendar. We just need to get the contract for the building. Ken said that we need to write up a donation letter and try to find as many E-Mails for different companies as possible. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to talk to Carl's Pawn Shop about getting a pistol for a gun raffle.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race will be held on April 27th. We need to get enough people to cover all of the locations the race officials requests. Max, KC8JHI, is trying to get some of the GMRS users to help with the race because the Athens Hamfest is on the same day, and we may lose some of the Amateurs. The GMRS users can use the 462.675 MHz repeater. A short discussion followed.

The Jackson County Hamfest will be held on Sunday, May 4th at the Ripley Middle School.

Steve, KL8T, talked about a program and form that can be used during drills, exercises, or actual disasters.

The give-a-way at the Waverly Church we be held on May 17th. They will be wanting one of the 24 by 40 foot canopies.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve, KL8T. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255,  
Joe Thomas N8MEV/Unit 291, Pam Lott KE8RSZ, George Orr KE8CAF/Unit  
289, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bob Marlow KC8RSJ/Unit 292, Bill  
Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Kenny Cline KB8YAV, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit  
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#### ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2025 FOR WCEC

ONE DAY TECHNICIAN AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

POSSIBLE ONE DAY GENERAL AMATEUR RADIO CLASS

FIELD DAY

CHALLENGE AT MOUNTWOOD MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

CHIC-FIL-A ROAD RUN

CHIC-FIL-A CROSS COUNTRY RACES

CANOPIES FOR;

EASTWOOD VFD

DEERWALK VFD

MINERAL WELLS VFD

DEERWALK HOMECOMING

WAVERLY CHURCH GIVE AWAY (TWICE)

CHURCH OF NAZARINE (TWICE)

HAMFEST

ANNUAL GROUP PICNIC

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

RAFFLE FUND RAISER