

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 5, 2026

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 8 members and guests present at the meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried. There were extra copies of April 7, 2026 minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read, Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to accept the Treasures Report, seconded by Steve, KL8T. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said he still needs to change out the repeater transmitter because it only has a one minute time out. Also when the weather is hot, the transmitter stops transmitting audio. Ken says he still needs to build a power supply for the Rockport Remote Receiver site to get that receiver back on the air. He also needs to work on the Williamstown Remote Receiver. Steve, KL8T, said he is able to get into the repeater when he is in Elizabeth, so the Wirt County Remote Receiver must be working okay. We don't know the condition of the Kings Ridge Remote Receiver in Pleasants County.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com are up and running. Bill said he is going to drop the wc8ec.com site.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the communications trailer is still at her house. She said she looks it over from time to time.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has made some calls on the 443.175 MHz repeater, but didn't get any answers, but the repeater does key up. Ken says he will try to hang the UHF antenna on the top of his 90 foot tower so he can start working on the new 443.175 Mhz repeater.

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 website of www.wc8ec.org A short discussion followed.

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. A link to the training site can be found on the www.wc8ec.org website. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. Anyone who worked the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike race should have several hours to log. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, 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.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower site is still there. She can see the wind turbines turning, even if they aren't generating any electricity. Ken WA8LLM, said he still needs to drop the wind turbines down and modify one of the ones that he knows works.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Earl, KB8HRG, worked on the Broad Street Water Tank node of the AREDN system. It seems like the node is bad. They will need to swap out the node unit.

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

Since Max, KC8JHI, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the GMRS repeaters, and GMRS in general. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the tower for Orr Farm has been painted. We just need to get the hole dug and get the concrete ready to put it up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't heard from anyone from the 911 Center about the Amateur Radio radios and the room. A short discussion followed.

JR, KD8PYH, said he is ready to put up a tower at his house on Man of War Road when we get everything together. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Conard, WV8JCR, wanted access to the Williamstown tower site to do some kind of work with the Meshtastic 900 MHz system.

Ken, WA8LLM, said Conard, WV8JCR, programmed three Meshtastic units for Ken, but he hasn't had time to get any of them on the air yet.

Since Kenny, KB8YAV, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report about the State Wide SKYWARN system.

There was no report on the association between vending machine company and WCEC.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from one of the teachers at Hamilton JR High about using one of the 24 by 40 foot canopies on May 29th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. He said there were 19 people who helped with the race communications, and there were no major injuries. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Special Event type Station held by the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub for World Amateur Radio Day at the Williamstown Center on April 18th. But about four days before the event the WV Tourism said they couldn't use the Welcome Center, so they had to move it to the Fort Borman Park. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said he got the WV Tax Report sent in and the business license renewed. He also did the Federal 501c3 Tax Report. A short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he got the license stickers for all six of the WCEC trailers. We are good for three years.

There will be SKYWARN classes held on Thursday, May 7th. The classes will be held at Marietta Memorial Hospital at 3:00pm, at Coolville Fire Department at 5:00pm, and at Lubeck Fire Department at 7:00pm.

The MOV GMRS group will be holding a Picnic/Meeting at the Fort Borman Park on Monday, May 18th at 6:00pm. The picnic will be covered dish.

A canopy needs to be set up at the Waverly United Methodist Church for their free give away on Saturday, May 16th.

Steve KL8T, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bob Marlow KC8RSJ/Unit 292, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, JR Morton KD8PYY, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Steve Campbell KL8T/Unit 288