

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 1, 2026

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at about 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 August 4, 2026 meeting, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried. There were extra copies of August 4, 2026 minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read, JR, KD8PYH, 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 the Hendershot Remote Receiver went off the air about the same time the 462.55 MHz GMRS Transmitter went off the air. Ken went to the tower site, it looked like the site took either a direct lightening strike, or near miss. Several pieces of electronic and transceiver equipment had been damaged. He said the repeater is up and running. He still needs to get to the Sand Hill tower site and change out the transmitter with one that has a longer time out. He was able to get some of the systems at the Hendershot site back in operation. Ken said he took a near lightening hit at his house which took out some of his equipment. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org website is working okay. He has the information about license exams on the site. He still needs to get the 2023, 2024, and the latest 2026 ARES Bulletins from Ken, WA8LLM.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the communications trailer is still at her house.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he didn't check the 443.175 MHz repeater this month. He said he still needs to get UHF antenna installed on the 90 foot tower that will used as a receive antenna for the new 443.175 MHz split site 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

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. Ken said that if you finish any of the courses, he would like to have a copy of the certificates to put in the WCEC Records.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. There's a form on the www.wc8ec.org website to help you keep tract of your hours.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives register their Kroger card.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he went to the Hendershot Farm tower site to work on the 462.55 MHz GMRS repeater and 146.255 MHz Remote Receiver. While he was there he looked over the repair that needs to done to the door that has been damaged by the weather. The ends of the building still needs to be covered.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't done anything with the ARDEN system for awhile. We're not for sure what we are going to do with the system. Ken said he still needs to change the node at the Broad Street water tank site. Ken

still wants to get the AREDN equipment off of the St Marys tower that was damaged by the tornado.

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

Since Max, KC8JHI, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the GMRS systems and nets. Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone of the MOV GMRS Fall Cookout on September 21st at the Lubeck Park, which is behind the Lubeck fire station.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Orr Farm tower site. Nothing has been done yet, but it is still in the planning stages.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there has nothing done with radio room at the new 911 Center. Ken said the director is still wanting an updated copy of the WCEC, ARES, and RACES Emergency Operations Plans so he can put them in the County Emergency Operation Plan. Ken said he hasn't talked to him yet about holding the WCEC meeting at the 911 Center. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to go to the Williamstown tower site and work on the Remote Receiver. Kendale, KD8QAK, isn't able to get into the 147.255 MHz repeater, and he's not that far from the Williamstown remote receiver.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't heard anything about the 900 MHz Meshtastic system lately. He hasn't done anything with the equipment he has for the system. A short discussion followed.

Dave, N8WZ, gave a report on the vending machine company he and his son are trying to get going. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Broadway Church of Nazarene is in the process of building a 60 foot by 100 foot shelter where we usually set up a canopy for their events. They may not be needing our canopies any more.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, says she thinks she has the new W5YI VE testing ready to go. She explained as much as she could. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, sent an E-Mail to Chip Allman, about the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races, but hasn't heard anything back. Ken is not for sure if they will need the communications and the race clocks at the races.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Mineral Wells VFD will be holding their Pig Roast on September 12th. They will be using one of the WCEC 24 by 40 foot canopies.

The Belpre Hamfest will be held on September 19th, at the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still hasn't made it back down to the 4-H Camp to work on repairing the guy wires the maintenance person accidentally pulled off of the tower. He said he is wanting to put in three new anchors and guys wires to make the tower more stabile.

NEW BUSINESS

JR, KD8PYH, said there will be a swap meet in Creston on October 17th.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the free give-away will be held on October 17th at the Waverly Methodist Church.

There will be a pipeline class held on September 29th, but you need to get registered for it.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Lisa Hendershot, KB8UER/Unit 270, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283 Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, JR Morton KD8PYH/Unit 296, Dave Vance N8WZ, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282