WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
October 6, 2026

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 10 members and guests present at the meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 1, 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 September 1, 2026 minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read, JR, KD8PYH, made a motion to accept the Treasures Report, seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said there's not much to report, he still needs to get backup to the Williamstown site, and down to the Rockport sites to get those Remote Receivers back in operation. He's not for sure if the St Marys Remote Receiver will go back on the air after the new tower is up after the Tormado destroyed it. The Hendershot site Remote Receiver still needs to go back on the air after a lightening strict. At least the repeater is the air and operational.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org website is working okay. He said the web server is wanting to make some changes and maybe charge more for security of keeping AI from getting into the site. He'll keep working on it. He still needs to get the 2023, 2024, and the 2026 ARES Bulletins from Ken, WA8LLM.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the communications trailer is still at her house. She said the awning has fallen off of the trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after he got the lightening strike at the house he was checking to see what damage was done. When he tested the 443.175 MHz repeater, Mike WV8PWR, answered him back, so that repeater is still working. Ken said he still needs to get UHF antenna installed on the 90 foot tower at his house 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 that Judy, N8UFQ, added a new repeater type device to her BLINK security system. She installed a camera inside the Hendershot Farm tower site transmitter building. We can now monitor the status of the batteries on our cell phones. As soon a Ken can get the meter panel completed we will be able to watch the status of the solar panels and the

batteries. Ken said the battery system is operating on 18 volts. He is going to rearrange the batteries so they will be operating on 12 volts. He has the boards that will hold the metal bus bars that will be connected to the batteries an allow radios to be powered. He still needs to finish blocking to end of the building under the roof to keep rain, snow, and leaves out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't done anything with the ARDEN system for awhile. When the St. Marys tower was damaged from the tornado the Antenna connecter on the AREDN transmitter got broken, so we may try to replace it. He's not for sure if we are going to re-install the node in St Marys. Ken said he is supposed to pick up about two dozen IP type telephones that he is going to try to connect to the AREDN system. A lengthy discussion followed.

Max, KC8JHI, said he is going to talk to the Waverly VFD about using one of the bays in their sub-station to hold a Basic Basic Electronic class. Plans are to hold the classes one night a week for five or six weeks between January and March 2027. Max gave a report on the GMRS Repeaters in the area, and some in the state. Also talked about the Amateur Radio net that will be held on the first Wednesday of the month on the 146.745 MHz repeater at 8:00 pm. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Basic Electronic Class is still on hold, but in thplanning stages.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Orr Farm tower site. She said George, KE8CAF, has been busy working on his truck, so nothing has been done yet, but it is still in the planning stages.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there has been nothing done with radio room at the new 911 Center. The quarterly LEPC Meeting is on the 13th, maybe we can get to talk to the Emergency Services Director about meeting in the radio room at the new 911 center.

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 much lately about the 900 MHz Meshtastic system.

Dave, N8WZ, gave a report on the vending machine company he and his son are trying to get going. Dave said the business is still operating in red. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave report on the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races. There was enough people to help with the races.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Pipe Line class.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the free give-away will be held on October 17th at the Waverly Methodist Church. We need to take the canopies and table up this week and get ready for that event.

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.

Max, KC8JHI, gave a report on the MOV GMRS Fall cookout. A lengthy discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has upgraded the 24 foot bt 40 foot canopies. Ken explained how he modified the canopies. We will see how they work at Waverly church Give-A-Way on October 17th.

There will be Amateur Radio/GMRS/CB Swap Meet at the Community Building in Creston on October 17th. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, JR Morton KD8PYH/Unit 296, Dave Vance N8WZ, Damier Vance, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Max Barker KC8JHI, Kelly McGill KF8CCI, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255