

**FNRW Board Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 PM July 16, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman  
David Swager – Co-Chair  
Kent Oster – Technical Expert  
Marci Swager – Member at Large  
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary  
Sue Wilson – Member at Large

**ABSENT:**

Lana Dykstra – Member at large  
Steve Allred – Technical Expert  
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 6:00 PM via Zoom. May meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the treasurer's report and stated that the latest balance for our account is \$9006.84 with an additional \$50 check yet to be deposited.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Laughton Ranch now has 14 radios on site. Bob has encouraged the group at the ranch to become more familiar with the radios suggesting they practice their own net check-ins. Bob's friend Lindsey from Sutter Creek, a Ham radio operator, may be a resource to help Bob train new GMRS members and members of the Lockwood group who need technical expertise to program their radios. Dave offered to help as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Fiddler's Jam is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th this year. FNRW along with other emergency services groups will attend and be setting up their information booths in the parking lot of the old Brown's toffee shop on Fiddletown Road. FNRW volunteers are needed to set up and take down our booth and also "man the tent" for 2-3 hour shifts during the event. At the next meeting, the Board will discuss ways to present our radio system such that it brings more visibility to our program.
- Matt Girton from OES continues to develop the new emergency alert app to include consolidation of the various radio groups in our county. He's developing a

parameter map that will show locations for the radio groups to be published on the app and shared real time during emergencies.

- Kent and Steve have identified specific replacement equipment to be purchased and held on hand for future system needs. They found a website that sells refurbished radio electronics and identified 2 link radios for under \$200 each, (new is upwards of \$800 per radio). The Board approved the purchase for the 2 radio links, one to replace an existing radio now and a second one to be stored as a back up.
- Steve and Kent are also shopping for a well priced, refurbished complete repeater to improve upon our current system.
- Bob shared information about a very promising new start-up company called Clore that produces a less toxic fire retardant that's easy to apply and has proven to be highly effective at protecting treated property when applied before a fire occurs. The concentrate can be purchased in 5 gallon containers. Concentrate mixed in a tank with equal parts water, and applied by a sprayer attachment, can be broadcast to areas prior to a fire event. Clore has proven to be highly successful in preventing devastating loss during a fire. For example, some folks applied the new product to their homes in LA prior to the catastrophic fire that burned through whole neighborhoods. The houses where homeowners applied Clore before the fire were left intact while other homes around them were burned. The potential upside for this retardant appears to be sizable. The product consists of readily available substances, is less costly and less toxic than the current retardants being used and can be a DIY option as well. It potentially could replace or partially replace the more toxic retardants used for large-scale aerial fire retardant drops. More to come regarding this product and our role in educating the community about it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.