

**FNRW Board Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 PM February 18, 2026**

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman  
Kent Oster – Technical Expert  
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary  
Sue Wilson – Member at Large  
David Swager – Co-Chair  
Marci Swager – 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. December meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Bob reported on the upcoming meeting scheduled with the county Public Information Officer, Kayla Dale, at the FCC on Monday, February 23rd at 10:00 AM. Lisa shared Kayla's recommendations as follows:
  1. Focus the drill to one area, specifically Upper and Lower Tyler Road, allowing for several county agencies to participate including CalFire (fire trucks), Red Cross, OES and Sheriff's deputies, etc.
  2. Start the drill at 8:00 AM and end at noon.
  3. Invite participants to stay afterwards for lunch for a question and answer session to discuss the results of the drill.

Additionally, encourage all other Firewise leads to attend the initial planning meeting on February 23rd with FNRW members.

Kayla asked FNRW to participate in the meeting to better understand FNRW's role during a drill as she has not yet coordinated an event that includes FNRW's participation.

We also discussed the need to identify a staging area for the day. Bob suggested we ask Deirdre if she might be interested in allowing us to stage at her place.

We also further discussed including all the radio members in the emergency NET drill for this event, not just Tyler Road users.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Bob reminded the group that Matt Girton showed interest in working with FNRW to integrate with the new emergency service notification system.
- In order to give FNRW better visibility and awareness of our service to the community, Dave and Bob recommended writing monthly articles to post in *The Fiddler* online publication. Many ideas were discussed for how to write short but informative messages that tell the story of FNRW. Ideas include, but are not limited to, who we are and why/how we started, the building process of our network system, procurement of equipment through donations and purchases using fundraising dollars, and the physical equipment installed by experienced volunteers. In addition, by linking members to their neighbors, the NET radios not only are a source for safety issues, but also foster positive community connections. Dave offered to write and share at the next meeting the first article and create a template for subsequent articles that could be written by other Board members.
- Bob would like to host a training NET control session, (date TBD), to familiarize volunteers with the process who can also lead the weekly NET check-ins. He also suggested reaching out to the Boy Scouts to see if they would have interest in helping.
- Bob and Kent reminded the group that they plan to schedule the installation of a taller antenna at Cobble Ridge once the weather is better. The antenna, along with the new duplexer that Steve procured, will expand coverage and produce a better signal.

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