

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM April 8, 2026

ATTENDEES:

David Swager – Co-Chair
Kent Oster – Technical Expert
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary
Marci Swager – Member at Large
Sue Wilson – Member at Large
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

ABSENT:

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman
Steve Allred – Technical Expert

The meeting started at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Dave led the meeting in Bob's absence. March meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board scheduled the meeting early this month to plan for FNRW's role at the upcoming April 11th fire preparedness meeting with Amador Fire and OES. In order to help members of the community prepare for fire season, the future fire evacuation drills will be discussed at the Town Hall as well. This will be the first time that the radio network will play a role in the evacuation exercises led by county officials. The Board discussed protocols for the most effective communications during the exercise. It was agreed that all radio reporting will begin and end with "This is a drill." Once the drill begins and information from county officials is made available, Bob and others will share information pertinent to the location of the fire and announce evacuation orders, etc. as they are received.
- Dave will be the NET control operator for tonight's net in Bob's absence.
- Kent announced that the photos of the Cobble Ridge tower Lisa sent to him confirm that the tower is compatible to add an extension raising the height of the antenna. The date to perform the work is TBD.
- The Board agreed that the new FNRW content Dave posted in the Newsletter was exceptional. Suggestions for follow-up articles include information about the fire drills and promoting FNRW as a service.

NEW BUSINESS

- Deirdre reminded the group that FNRW and the sheriff's department holds a Town Hall once yearly. A date for the meeting will be chosen for a time both parties are available. A Saturday in September was discussed as the best possible option, given the busy schedule at the FCC over the next few months. It was also agreed that September would be good timing to discuss the drills. We plan to have a recorded video of the event to show to the attendees.

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