

**REIA General Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2019**  
**Inn at Wecoma**

Board members present: David Jamieson, Patti Kroen, Jayne Robinson, Martin Rollins, Marie McFarland; absent: Cindy Thompson, Janet Knipe. Also present: Invited guest Ken Murphy, City of Lincoln City Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness. (Sign-In Sheet: 26 members + 4 to join in new FY + 1 guest = 31 total)

**Vice-President David called the meeting to order** at 11:00 AM and welcomed attendees. After a brief “meet-and-greet,” he thanked those who brought contributions for the Food Pantry and Joe Hinton for always posting the meeting sign on Logan Road. Board members were introduced. Membership Forms, Brochures, and Sweatshirt Order Forms were available. The Sign-In Sheet was circulated.

Joanne Lovelace **moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2019 meeting.** Kim Blackerby seconded, motion carried.

Patti gave a general **overview of the monthly budget** which had previously been accepted by the Board. REIA's end-of-March balance in all accounts is \$23,511.69. (End-of-March 2018 balance = \$25,245.99) Income during the month totaled \$93.03; expenses for the month totaled \$1,681.72, which includes the yearly insurance premiums. Expenditures to date: \$4,055.41 or 42.6% of the total budget of \$9,524.00. Jim Stovall **moved to accept the report**, seconded by Ray Ryland, motion carried.

David introduced our **guest speaker, Ken Murphy.** Ken brings to Lincoln City a long and varied background in state and federal emergency preparedness planning. He detailed what he considers to be the **most critical disaster issues:** -community not ready; -difficulty with communications; -management of large numbers of first responders; -poor use of resources; -unplanned media relations; -disaster size (small can be as deadly as large); -community overwhelmed by event; -lack of continuity in local government (who is in charge when the one in charge is absent?); -operation plan not current; -situational awareness; and -management of volunteers. **“It is earthquake season every day!”** said Ken, and cautioned us about aftershocks (which can happen up to months after the main event), tsunamis, debris in the water, lack of food and potable water, roads and bridges unusable, individuals not prepared, breakdown of sewage system and/or gas, water, and power lines, medical facilities unavailable, police and fire departments overwhelmed, underground leakage, debris piles, and multiple public health issues. Ken stressed the importance of being able to help ourselves AND our neighbors in times of disaster. He emphasized the **importance of Go Bags** and recommended carrying candy bars, water, and first aid kits in our cars for smaller situations. He suggested that **another step for the Neighborhood Watch program could be “Map Your Neighborhood,”** which entails getting to know one's neighbors (names, emergency contacts, absences) and what items they might have that could help in an emergency. Ken stated that a city-purchased and stocked **cache will be placed in RE** on a city-owned lot near the trailhead to the Knoll. Questions/answers and discussion followed: -Ken is pleased that emergency preparedness is one of City Council's priorities; -his goal is stockpiling 30,000 meals across the city; -he is considering what steps to take to make visitors aware of disaster preparedness (such as details of escape routes posted in VRDs ... has had “a little push-back” from management companies on this); could this be tied to VRD licensing? -wild-land fires another huge problem, most started by humans; -Ken will check to be sure the tsunami siren in RE Park is functioning.

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Ken rates Lincoln City “above average” in comparison to other cities in em prep, citing the need for city employee training, a city-wide cache program and more neighborhood organizations as areas that need attention. David thanked Ken for his time and expertise and for sharing a most interesting presentation.

**Hand-outs:** “Today’s Preparations Will Determine Tomorrow’s Outcomes” which **details basic Go Bag contents** (electronics, personal needs, clothing, meds, paperwork, food & drink, cash, and tools); and **Community Information and Alerts** - sign up for emergency notifications at [co.lincoln.or.us/alerts](http://co.lincoln.or.us/alerts); see sheet for other websites containing road & weather information.

**Announcements/Homeowner Forum – Beach Clean-up** – In Janet’s absence, Jayne gave the following update: we have been accepted by SOLVE – they have posted our information on their website and volunteers may now sign up; OPRD is also on board – we have permission to set up our registration table in the State Park and Park Rangers will collect bags of trash at the park and along Logan Road; City grant application is not available yet, more information by the end of April; we will soon be reaching out to our other sponsors, including Safeway and the Casino; and we plan to have commemorative buttons made for participants. **July 5, 9AM-1PM, Roads End State Park, volunteers needed!**

**Memo from City Councilor Diana Hinton** – In Councilor Hinton’s absence and at her request, Jayne read a memo to the group containing the following information: the City has approved an ordinance that allows **tiny houses to be built in Lincoln City; a tiny house is scheduled to be on display** at the Community Center Friday 4/19 – Wednesday 4/24 in conjunction with Community Days; **volunteer opportunities** are available on the following committees/boards/commissions – Planning, Arts, Library, Sustainability, TRT Review, and Visitor & Convention. See the city’s website ([lincolncity.org](http://lincolncity.org)) for more information. A tiny house information flyer was distributed.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Marie announced that she and the committee had **met with Lincoln City Police Department Chief Jerry Palmer** on April 4. In addition to continuing to support the committee’s efforts, Chief Palmer also spoke to the dangers of “advertising” one’s vacation (and thus absence from home) on social media; the benefits of home security cameras; and whether or not residents could be “targeted” if they posted NW signs on their property (information may be given to the police anonymously). Marie has also met with City Manager Ron Chandler who agreed to **request a budget of \$2500.00** from the City to purchase, install, and maintain NW signs in areas throughout the city that have set up the program. Marie said she would be interested in “mapping” the RE community (see reference in Guest Speaker’s section). NW training materials are to be set up soon.

**David ... offered “show and tell” with his Go Bag** to further generate interest with the membership (see reference in Guest Speaker’s section); **mentioned CERT training** and has more information for anyone interested in attending; **and awarded** luckily-placed-on-the-Sign-Up-Sheet members Margaret Harvey and Michael Alleman home “security cameras,” a fitting way to end this meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

**Next General Membership Meeting:** Saturday, May 11, 2019, 11AM, Inn at Wecoma.

Respectfully submitted,

/Jayne Robinson, Secretary