KLAMATH COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Klamath Emergency Communications District

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Shane at 9:06 AM. Representatives were present from the following agencies:

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	HERE	ABSENT
KC Emergency Management		X
Winema National Forest		X
Basin Ambulance - **Larita Ongman**		X
Merrill RFD		X
Central Cascade RFD - **Bradley Kahler**		X
OIT Security		X
Malin RFD		X
Merrill PD		X
Malin PD		X
Kingsley FD		X
Walker Range Fire		X
OSP		X
Klamath Interagency Fire		X
ODF – **Jake Barnett**		X
District #3		X
Chiloquin Ambulance & Fire		X
BLM – **Blake Dornbusch**		X
Harriman RFD		X
Chemult RFD		X
Bonanza RFD		X
Bly RFD – **Bruce Nichols**		X
District #4 – **Nate Markee**		X
District #1 – **Matt Hitchcock**	X	
District #5		X
Crescent RFD **– James Wilson**		X
Klamath PD – **Rob Dentinger**	X	
Klamath SO – **Shane Mitchell**	X	
Keno RFD – **David Blair**		X
Klamath Community Corrections – **Dennis Holmes**	X	

Guests: Joanie Rote, Amanda Rose, Jessica Gibson

II.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rob motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 23, 2025, Matt seconded, the motion carried.

Yes: Shane, Rob, Matt and Dennis
No: None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Radio Interoperability: Amanda said the group met last week. The Stukel project is complete, and Day Wireless will be reaching out to reprogram the radios for the second channel. She has talked to Joanie and Holly about how the second channel will be used and they are still working on this. Rob asked about staffing. Amanda said they currently have 11 full-time and scheduling 3 on station from 12p-8p. The original plan for the third person was to run the second LE channel but that was changed with taking over Lakeview. Discussion followed regarding programming of the second channel and the need for reprogramming the radios to use it.

Matt asked about the district's strategic plan. Amanda said it is being worked on, and the board has given her the go ahead to engage with SDAO to assist in a review and revision of the strategic plan. Matt asked if the limitation of service over the years was due to not having enough staff. He was wondering if this will be resolved in the future so they can do some of the things they want to do long term. Amanda said staffing will always be an issue. She does not know what the number looks like to support all the things, but it is in the plan to increase staff. It would be nice to always run three to four people on. Discussion followed regarding recruitment of applicants and the issues being faced when compared to other communities' offerings. Matt said calls continue to increase and the fireside needs Priority Dispatch, but they cannot incorporate it without dispatch having it and knowing how to use it. Amanda said Priority Dispatch has been brought to her a couple times. The district has budgeted for APCO Intellicom guide card, and she would like to compare both options to see which would work best for everyone.

Rob asked if it is hard to find people to hire. Amanda said the biggest struggle seems to be getting them through the testing phase of training and in a recruitment pool of 12 applicants only about three get through the door.

Amanda said SDAO has a copy of the prior strategic plan and they are moving forward with the project.

Shane asked about funding for KIRG's upgrade project. Amanda said that Jeremy provided some information on that at the KIRG meeting last week. They are looking at having Lexipol work on their behalf to research and apply for eligible grants. Discussion followed regarding grants and the opportunities out there.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Amanda said it has been a wild forty-three days for her. They currently have eleven full-time dispatchers, and three candidates are in the background process. She closed recruitment until January to get those three through the first training phase. The district has budgeted for fifteen full-time dispatchers and two lead

positions. The plan is to hire dispatchers and promote internally to fill the two lead positions; this will get them to the goal of seventeen.

Amanda is working on some final Lakeview items to finalize the transition and get user IGAs in place. There are a lot of little things going on and she is working to understand everything going on internally. The IGA for CJIS/LEDS received final signatures and Amanda will be sending out the executed signature page to everyone today.

Amanda informed the group that the board moved their monthly meeting time to 4:00 pm and their next meeting will take place this afternoon. She asked the group about moving the meeting to a later time in the day, closer to the board meeting. The group discussed but no decision was made.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

VII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Nothing noted.

ADJOURNMENT: Shane adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2026, at 3:00pm

Approved and Adopted January 21, 2026

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Shane Mitchell, Advisory Committee Chair **Date**