

**KLAMATH COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT MINUTES OF  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
Klamath Emergency Communications District**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Amanda at 3:04 PM. Representatives were present from the following agencies:

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

**Guests:** Joanie Rote, Amanda Rose, Jessica Gibson, Mike Cook, John Ketchum, Holly Kessler and Jan Bos

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Matt motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2025, Blake seconded, the motion carried.

Yes: Blake, Bruce, Shane, James, Matt and Dennis

No: None

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Radio Interoperability: Amanda reported that KIRG approved the budget at their last meeting with a ten percent increase for 2026-2027 user fees. KIRG is looking at utilizing Lexipol to assist with grant research and applications to fund the radio system upgrade. The project has been quoted to cost a little over two million. Matt asked if Jeremy was the one working on that. Amanda said Rob took it on because his agency already uses Lexipol and he has someone interested in grant writing.

B. Strategic Plan: Amanda reported there have been no updates. She is working on the district's policies and procedures and then will work with SDAO on the strategic plan.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

Amanda shared that there are eleven full-time dispatch staff, however, one is out on maternity leave. Recruitment is ongoing with one in background and three additional offers have been extended and accepted. This will make the center fully staffed if all three are hired. Matt asked how long the process would take for them to be hired and start training. Amanda explained the hiring and training process. Training varies by person but usually takes about six to nine months with most training taking place in-house. Three weeks are spent at the academy and three additional days for EMD certification. James asked how many can be in training at a time. Amanda said they currently have four certified trainers and a couple more that are willing to help and start dates are naturally staggered with the background process so that helps.

Amanda added that the district is trying to engage in more community outreach events. At the end of last year, they had the opportunity to participate in some high school career fairs. She is getting settled and looking to see what the agency needs are and then will begin working on external relationships to see what they need. Matt asked if the APCO guide cards were still on her radar. Amanda said she hadn't heard back from Brent since sending him the agreement that has the requirement of the physician on staff.

Amanda said they moved the meeting to 3:00 p.m. in hopes to draw more participation for board members by having it before the board meeting. This also provides the opportunity for the advisory group and the board to have discussion.

**V. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** None

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Blake motioned to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

**VII. Next Meeting Date:** April 15, 2026, at 3:00pm