



**Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) Working Group**  
**March 21, 2019**  
**Meeting Notes**

**I. Opening Remarks/Welcome**

Manny Palacios, Chair gave opening remarks and welcomed all members

**II. Introductions**

Introductions from all PWERT members at the meeting

**III. Approval of Meeting Notes**

Manny Palacios called for a motion to approve Dec, 2018 minutes. PWERT members unanimously approved.

**IV. By-laws updates**

Manny Palacios gave an update on the seven items that were highlighted to change in the by-laws.

1. Attendance, all cities will be required to do hot phone duties.
2. Notification of inactivity to the primary in form of a phone call.
3. Notification of inactivity to the primary seat requesting a new person as a primary seat.
4. Notification of inactivity sent to the agency requesting a new person as a primary seat.
5. If an in active agency has cash equipment it could be removed until the agency becomes active.
6. If agency becomes inactive then they can become active again by attending meeting for a period of 12 months on a reg. scheduled.
7. A call in option is an acceptable for meeting attendance and if the primary or secondary person can't attend a stand alternate is acceptable.

Manny Palacios called for a motion to approve. PWERT members unanimously approved.

**V. City of Arlington update On Emergency Response Trailer Update**

The city purchased 2 trailers with some saving that were set up to respond to small PW response and can be requested if needed.

**VI. Grant Equipment change update**

Mistie Gardner, discussed with the group how we did not receive the full funding amount for 2019 so did we want to change the grant project for 2018 buying larger pumps instead of smaller pumps. Do we move on with getting 2 and 4 inch pump or use the money for 8 and or 10 inch pumps. The PWERT members unanimously approved to

change the grant for 2018 to the larger pumps. The agencies to receive pumps Richland Hills 8 inch and City Baugh Springs 10 inch pump Ellis Co 8 inch pump.

**VII. State Homeland Update**

Ed Balderas, Meredith Nurge from COG spoke about the 2019 PWERT grant project and what was funded how it was scored and if there might be possible funds for funding the unfunded amount at a later date.

**VIII. Deployment of PWERT Assets to No Members**

A group discuss took place on how to handle the deployment of grant funded PWERT grant funded cash equipment.

**IX. Inoperable communications**

A discuss of the survey that was sent to member about radio communications. The survey is to be resent to member and hopefully filled out.

**X. Oncor Presentation**

Presentation was given by Oncor how they can assist PWERT member during outages.

**XI. Presentation True North**

Presentation was given about the service that True North can offer to assist PWERT member.

**XII. Group/Public Comment**

No comments

**Next Meeting:**

NCTCOG, Metroplex Conference Room

June 18, 2019

9:30 am-11:30 am

**Google Hot Phone:** 972-827-8758

**PWERT website:** [http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special\\_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp)

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