

Baldwin County FHMP Kickoff Meeting Minutes



June 6, 2018
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CDT

***Action items are bold and underlined. Important notes are in italics.*

Meeting began at 10:01 AM CDT.

Present:	Wood	Clay Campbell David Stroud
	Baldwin County	Mike Howell Jennifer Forsman D.J. Hart Peggy Summerville Mitchell Sims Johnny Bush Christian Miller Jenni Guerry Jessie Peacock

Mike Howell initiated the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance and stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the Baldwin County Flood Hazard Management Plan and to reduce the Baldwin County CRS rating back to a 6 from the current rating of a 7. Clay introduced himself and David Stroud and mentioned that Wood also assisted ALOWR with updating the Baldwin County flood maps that are currently preliminary. David began the presentation and discussed the goals of the project and transitioned through the presentation. He stated the goal of the flood hazard planning process is to reduce the risk during and after a disaster. David mentioned that the cost-benefit ratio on mitigation has increased from \$4 to now \$6. Some discussion on the reason for this ensued. As Mike mentioned Baldwin County is currently at a CRS class 7. By increasing to a Class 6 will save the Baldwin County residents with Flood Insurance Policies an additional \$300K per year. For those residents living in the SFHA the current average savings on flood insurance is \$128 per year. This will increase to \$171 savings per year with a CRS Class 6 rating.

10-Step Planning Process: Baldwin County is currently working on steps 1 to 3. The 10-step process can gain a maximum of 382 CRS points. Wood averages 361 to 371 points per plan. Approximately 45% of the points lie within steps 1 to 3. Points have already been generated based on setting up the Committee of 8 members (4 government and 4 public).

Outreach to the public is critical. It was stated that Baldwin County participates in various events and festivals so **an action is to see what events/festivals that are coming up in the next 3 to 4 months and potentially set up a booth to discuss flood risk and mitigation opportunities.**

It was agreed between Mike and Clay that the Preliminary FIRM data will be used to identify the flood hazards in the county since the preliminary data is considered best available at this time. Clay provided a brief background and update on the Preliminary FIRMs that were provided by



OWR/FEMA. **DJ Hart, current CRS coordinator, is to contact sharper@verisk.com to request the new repetitive loss information.**

Under Assess the Risk slide, discussion ensued regarding critical facilities and infrastructure in the unincorporated areas: multiple volunteer fire stations, local utility companies (sewer and power utilities), chemical plant off of Highway 25). **One person (Mike was selected) from the county to complete the Local Government Data Collection Guide provided and list all of these facilities and return to Clay.**

At the next meeting it was recommended to review the 2000 plan goals and determine which of these might be transferred or updated to the new plan. David stated we need 2 to 3 good goals that align with the mitigation actions that are developed. David recommended Cindy, Mike, and Clay have a call to discuss the goals and then send an email to the committee with the new goals. **Clay to setup a call with Mike and Cindy in the next 2 weeks to discuss these goals.** Goals need to be set prior to the next meeting.

The appendix for Mitigation Action Alternatives is very important and requires a write up to explain why certain actions were selected and others were not.

David recommends a quarterly review of the plan. This can be done by face to face or by conference call. The plan is required to be updated every 5 years.

Timeline: the next meeting with the county will be scheduled toward the end of July or early August. **Clay/Cindy to work with Mike to schedule the next meeting.**

Discussion on getting the final plan adopted by the Commission was held. Mike stated he needs a minimum of 4 weeks to allow the Commission to approve the final document. It was requested to move up the schedule to allow this review time. **Clay will coordinate with Cindy and ensure the schedule is adequate to meet this deadline.**

Next Steps:

David recommends adding 2 questions to the public questionnaire: Does the property owner have flood insurance? and; If you have been flooded in the past when did it occur? Cindy to update the questionnaire.

Data collection guide to be provided by the committee members (via Mike) to Clay.

Clay to coordinate the with Cindy and schedule the next meeting in late July or early August and setup a call with Mike to discuss possible dates.

Need draft template of letter to other stakeholders (need 30 stakeholders).

Need Cindy to develop updated goals (3 major goals) and send to Mike to review.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM CDT.

