

BALDWIN COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 15, 2021

BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – VIRTUAL, Via WebEx

ATTENDANCE

Members/Guests present): Danon Smith (BCEMA/HMPC Secretary), Nicole Woerner (City of Orange Beach), Karen Giordano (BCEMA), Erik Cortinas (City of Fairhope), DJ Hart (BCC Planning & Zoning), Janie Joiner (BCC Building Dept.), Adam Byrd (Baldwin E-911), Scott Warner (Baldwin E-911), Mike Purner (BCEMA), Eric Butler (City of Daphne), D.J. Hart (BCC Planning & Zoning), Chester Patterson (City of Spanish Fort), Robert Davis (Town of Loxley), Zach Bodle (BCC Highway Dept.), Ryan Frolik (East Central Baldwin Water Authority), Eddie Culpepper (Consultant), Shari Woody (Consultant – Town of Magnolia Springs), Rachel Keith (City of Foley), Ricky Rider (City of Foley).

Danon Smith called the meeting to order at 09:01am

OPENING COMMENTS

Danon Smith called the meeting to order and gave opening remarks. Brandan Franklin was not present and Danon Smith conducted the meeting in his absence.

OLD BUSINESS

Danon stated that she would be emailing everyone a re-cap of today's meeting, as there were several members not present.

Danon let everyone know in the Chat a link to the FEMA website that has FY2020 FMA and BRIC status updates and projects are listed by State and County.

Danon gave an update on the HMPG Grant Progress and the Hazard Mitigation Draft Plan: Danon spoke with Lisa Castaldo (AEMA), and she reported that she had spoken with FEMA this week and stated that she should be hearing something very soon concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Danon stated that she will prepare our agenda for the 1st meeting in August with the Baldwin

County Commission for the Plan. Danon stated that our APA letter is on the EMA website, and encouraged everyone to draft theirs for their respective City Councils, jurisdictions, municipalities, etc. to have ready to go on their agendas.

Danon reported that Leslie Johnston had left her position at SARPC, and Diane Burnette had taken her place. Diane was not able to join the meeting today. Lisa Castaldo will be letting both Diane and Danon know when the APA letter comes in and Danon would report to the HMPC as soon as she hears from Lisa.

Danon gave update that the HMGP (4563) Grant deadline had been extended by FEMA to October 15th but stated that she is going ahead with completing applications and getting them in now so that they can be reviewed by AEMA and turned in to FEMA for review. Danon encouraged everyone to go ahead with applications as and not to wait until the end of the new October deadline to submit to AEMA; stating this extra time would allow for things that may need to be fixed or updated with applications. Danon stated that she is attempting to have all internal applications turned in by the end of this month to address any RFI's.

Danon encouraged everyone if they had been notified to proceed with work on their projects from the LOI's that had been turned in to AEMA to continue to do so and continue moving forward.

Danon Smith asked that the Minutes from the May 20th meeting be approved. A motion by D.J. Hart was made, seconded by Erik Cortinas.

Ayes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Danon reminded everyone that a vote would need to be held at the next scheduled meeting to replace Lannie Smith on the Executive Committee. It was agreed that nominations would be emailed to Danon, and a ballot would be created for the August meeting so that voting could take place.

Further discussion was held on the importance of accurate and updated contact information of all HMPC Members. It was agreed that this was a constant process and needed to be given consideration and attention by all members as well as the jurisdictions/municipalities they represent. Danon spoke about all of the activities going on within the HMPC and opportunities for people to join and serve and the importance of sharing updated and correct contact information being every member's responsibility.

Danon advised that the 2022 HMPC meeting schedule would be a quarterly meeting schedule.

Danon will let everyone know what is going on with the “Mitigation Minute” if there is a topic that is new.

It was agreed that the next HMPC meeting will take place on August 26th in the Upstairs Training Room at the Baldwin County EMA, as well as by WebEx virtually. Danon let everyone know that there would be upgrades made to equipment in the upstairs training room making virtual meetings and training a better experience.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Erik Cortinas

Second: D.J. Hart

Ayes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the August 26th meeting of the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

Brandan Franklin, Chairperson Baldwin County HMPC

Date