

**BALDWIN COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE – FULL BODY
MINUTES**

April 18, 2024

**BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
UPSTAIRS TRAINING ROOM
ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA**

Hybrid Meeting with Physical and Telepresence Options

ATTENDANCE

Members present (Via Webex): Karen Giordano (BCEMA), Logan Eberly (City of Foley), Janie Joiner (BC Building Dept.), Brandon Franklin (City of Gulf Shores – HMPC Chairman), Josh Newman (City of Daphne), Miriam Boone (City of Foley)

Members present: Vernon Dandridge (BCEMA Planning & Grants Mgr. – HMPC Secretary), Jesi Ward (City of Daphne), Michelle Pennigton (BCEMA), David Wilson (City of Foley), Natascha Dilley (BCEMA)

Brandon Franklin brought the meeting to order @ 9:05am.

OPENING COMMENTS

Brandon Franklin gave opening remarks and welcomed all present.

OLD BUSINESS

Vernon Dandridge and Brandon Franklin opened the meeting with Approval of Minutes from the previous HMPC Full Body Meeting dated January 18, 2024.

Motion: Miriam Boone

Second: Michelle Pennington

Ayes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

Update on HMGP DR 4563 and 4503 Applications

Vernon Dandridge gave a report that Baldwin County Unincorporated Applications for both HMGP 4503 and 4563 are still having RFI's (Requests for Information) come in. Based on the recent RFI's, he believes that there is an intent to fund the applications. For example, a recent Public Notice for DR 4563 was requested from FEMA. Usually, a request for Public Notice indicates that there is an Intent to Fund the project or projects. Vernon encouraged all present that if they are continuing to receive RFI's, that may be a good indication of Intent to Fund for their respective jurisdiction's projects. Vernon reported that there have been no projects recently funded in the Baldwin County Unincorporated DR 4503 and DR 4563 applications, but he is encouraged of a resolution soon. Vernon also reported that it had been shared with him by Nicole Woerner (City of Orange Beach) that she received a Letter of Obligation from FEMA on one of the City of Orange Beach's project applications.

Brandon Franklin reported that the City of Gulf Shores had continued to receive RFI's and was still providing information as requested, but had not received any Letters of Obligation.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazard Mitigation Planning Process – 5 Year Plan - Update

Vernon Dandridge reported that the Hazard Mitigation 5 Year Plan planning process will begin in July 2024 for Baldwin County with the next HMPC Full Body Committee Meeting on July 18, 2024. Danon Smith will assist and advise with the planning process as she has knowledge of the last planning process. Vernon reported that the plan will take approximately 1 ½ years to complete and be approved. Vernon reported on funding for the process. The Alabama EMA Hazard Mitigation Division will be sending out a survey to ask if the HMPC Committee wants to participate with the State's consultant, SARPC (as was done with the last Baldwin County Plan), or a private consultant. AEMA will help with funding and are still in the process of a consultant decision. Vernon asked of the Full Body Committee if there were any thoughts on updates that would need to be done to the Baldwin County Plan or updating their respective jurisdiction's Plan and to be considering any improvements or suggestions to be prepared for beginning the process. Brandon Franklin mentioned the possibility of sending out digital worksheets to each jurisdiction and planned to send these out prior to the July meeting.

Vacant Executive Committee Position – Nominations and Election

As Barbara Etheridge (ADPH) has recently retired, a seat on the HMPC Executive Committee has been left vacant. Nominations were held. Vernon Dandridge nominated Nicole Woerner (City of Orange Beach) for the position. David Wilson (City of Foley) made a second motion for the nomination. All present were in favor of voting for Nicole to fill the vacancy and she was elected with no opposition. Nicole had been contacted prior to the nomination, and agreed to accept if voted in.

Comments or Questions of the Full Body

Vernon asked everyone present if 9:00 am continued to be an agreeable time for the HMPC Full Body Meetings to take place. All agreed that 9:00 am was good to continue and worked well with their schedules.

Brandon Franklin made mention that to have more people attend the meetings, especially during the upcoming planning process, it may be necessary to have in-person meetings only. Brandon also brought up the importance of communication with each member via phone and updating contacts on the Committee Member List to encourage attendance.

As there were no further questions or comments, the meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: David Wilson
Second: Natascha Dilley
Ayes: 12
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion Passed

The next regular Full Body Meeting date will be July 18, 2024, at 9:00am in the Upstairs Training Room of the BCEMA EOC.


Brandon Franklin, Chairperson - Baldwin County HMPC

7-30-24
Date