

**BALDWIN COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2021
BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – VIRTUAL, Via WebEx**

ATTENDANCE

Members/Guests present (virtually): Brandan Franklin, (City of Gulf Shores / HMPC Chair), Rachel Keith (City of Foley / HMPC Vice Chair) Danon Smith (BCEMA/HMPC Secretary), Amanda Thweatt (BCEMA), Lannie Smith (City of Orange Beach), (BCEMA), Anthony Sampson (BCBOE), Erik Cortinas (City of Fairhope), Eddie Harper (BCC Building Inspections), Tonya Shannon (Hagerty Consulting), Bailey-Anne Kaytar (Hagerty Consulting), Jessica Walker (City of Fairhope), Jenni Kilpatrick (ADPH), Ryan Frolik (East Central Baldwin Water), Eric Butler, Nicole Woerner (City of Orange Beach)

Guests present virtually: Leslie Johnston (SARPC)

Brandan Franklin called the meeting to order at 09:04am

OPENING COMMENTS

Brandan Franklin called the meeting to order and gave opening remarks.

OLD BUSINESS

Brandan Franklin asked that the minutes from the February meeting be approved.

Motion by Erik Cortinas, seconded by Rachel Keith.

Ayes: 14

No: 0

Abstain:0

Motion Passed

Brandan Franklin introduced Leslie Johnston with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) for an update from Leslie, and Danon Smith, on the Mitigation Plan review status with Alabama EMA and FEMA. Leslie advised she has spoken with the Alabama EMA Mitigation Plan Reviewer, Lisa Castaldo, and that the plan is currently in review with FEMA.

Danon Smith advised the 45-day period for FEMA to review the mitigation plan would be up around May 11, 2021, but that this is only an approximation based on guidance from FEMA and AEMA.

Danon Smith gave an update on the DR-4563 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Letter of Intent (LOI). Danon advised that the Baldwin County Master LOI has been submitted to AEMA, and their Mitigation Division is currently reviewing the LOIs from across the state. Danon reminded everyone to enter their respective LOI information into the AEMA grants portal and advised for anyone who has any questions about this process, the AEMA grants portal, to let her know.

Brandan Franklin reminded the HMPC members that Danon verified the DR-4563 applications will be accepted under the current plan, and that the new plan should be in place well before the date of awards from the DR-4563 HMGP applications.

Danon Smith reminded HMPC members of the email she sent to HMPC members on March 26, 2021 which has information on the HMGP application process and mitigation plan review process for HMPC members to retain as reference/reminder material, and to please let her know if anyone has questions.

Danon encouraged all members to continue to utilize the Important Mitigation Resource – EMA Mitigation Website – that is being updated weekly; and to let her know if there are any requests for adjustment to the content. The link to the EMA Mitigation web page, which is part of the Baldwin County EMA page of the Baldwin County Commission Website, is: <https://www.baldwincountyal.gov/departments/EMA/ema-hazard-mitigation>.

Danon encouraged all municipalities to send their Plan Draft Review and Public Dissemination/comment information, documentation, and feedback directly to her and she would coordinate with Leslie Johnston to get these in for AEMA Review. Several Municipalities reported that they had upcoming Council meetings to present or had recently presented to their Municipalities; and that they will submit the required public comment period documentation to Danon Smith, as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Brandan Franklin discussed the importance of maintaining a current and updated HMPC contact list to ensure adequate representation among eligible members/mitigation grant applicants in Baldwin County; and to ensure adequate participation in HMPC activities, initiatives, and projects.

Danon Smith reminded the Committee Members that the responsibility for these contact updates falls on both the HMPC and the member organizations.

Lannie Smith announced his resignation from the City of Orange Beach and subsequently his resignation from the HMPC Executive Committee. Committee Members present thanked Lannie for his years of service, dedication to mitigation efforts, and leadership. Lannie will be greatly missed by the HMPC members and those who worked with him over the years and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to him and best wishes in his future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Anthony Sampson

Second: Erik Cortinas

Ayes: 14

No: 0

Abstain:0

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:56 am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the May 20, 2021 meeting of the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.



Brandan Franklin, Chairperson Baldwin County HMPC

5-20-21

Date