

**BALDWIN COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

JANUARY 21, 2021

BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA
WebEx Virtual Platform

ATTENDANCE

Members present (Via WebEx) were: Danon Smith (BCEM), Lannie Smith (City of Orange Beach), Brandan Franklin (City of Gulf Shores), DJ Hart (BCC Planning & Zoning), Casey Fulford (Alabama ACD), Erik Cortinas (City of Fairhope), Shari Woody (Town of Magnolia Springs), Jacob Franklin (Sawgrass)

Brandan Franklin called the meeting to order at 09:02am

OPENING COMMENTS

Brandan Franklin gave opening remarks.

OLD BUSINESS

Brandan Franklin advised that the following Meeting Minutes had not been approved.

Motion by Erik Cortinas, seconded by Lannie Smith to approve the minutes from February 2, 2020 Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting.

Ayes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passed

Motion by Lannie Smith and seconded by Danon Smith to approve the minutes from August 13, 2020 Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting.

Ayes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion Passed

Motion by Lannie Smith and seconded by Danon Smith to approve the minutes from October 1, 2020 Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting.

Ayes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passed

Motion by DJ Hart, seconded by Lannie Smith to approve the minutes from November 19, 2020 Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting.

Ayes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passed

Danon Smith advised that she had received Community Action Plans from several cities and towns throughout Baldwin County, but there were many that she had not received and stated that she had emailed all representatives today (1-21-2021) a reminder to check the status of turning these in if they had not already done so.

She advised also, with the committee's understanding, the importance of having these turned in by early February in order to have them turned in by February 17, 2021 to SARPC.

Danon Smith reported on the Regional Plan Process Update and discussed ways to digitally display the Draft for the public.

Danon will follow up with Leslie Johnston with questions concerning the Draft and upcoming deadline and report back to committee with any updated information.

Danon updated the committee on the FEMAGO application and the problems that have arose from using it to file Grant submission applications with FEMA. Danon reported on FMA and BRIC applications that have been submitted having recently had some response from FEMA at the state level and communication beginning with applicants on their submissions.

Danon reported that the HMGP Grant program should potentially open in February following discussion about the discouragement reported by committee members of potential applicants at the time frame that FEMA is taking to open this Grant and response time of FEMA. Danon responded that the problem is more than likely multiple disasters in surrounding states that is responsible for the slow response.

NEW BUSINESS

Danon Smith reported on the updated EMA Mitigation Website link and discussed how this will help individuals and community officials in the Hazard Mitigation process. Danon asked the committee for feedback on design and navigation of the site. The

committee responded that they thought the website update was very useful and helpful.

Lannie Smith responded on the basic discouragement of potential FEMA applicants in his community due to the long -term process. Danon reported that the EMA would be getting a consultant that would be an advocate for individual citizens in the application process and hopefully ensure that the process is easier to navigate. Danon mentioned being in contact with Michael Johnson at Alabama EMA to advise navigating an expedited process with FEMA applications as well.

The next meeting date was set for February 18, 2021. HMPC members present will meet remotely via WebEx.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 09:42am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the February 18, 2021 meeting of the Baldwin County hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

Chairperson: Brandan Franklin

Date