

**BALDWIN COUNTY**  
**HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 16, 2021**  
**BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA**  
*Hybrid Meeting with Physical and Telepresence Options*

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present (Via WebEx) Karen Giordano (BCEMA), Janie Joiner (BCC Building Department), Josh Newman (City of Daphne), Mark Bohlin (Perdido Bay Water and Sewer), Ryan Frolik (East Central Baldwin Water Authority).

Members present: Danon Smith (BCEMA / HMPC Secretary), Brandan Franklin (City of Gulf Shores), Marinda Turner ( Daphne Utilities ), Sharon Surra ( Daphne Utilities ), Heather Moore ( Town of Perdido Beach ), Mayor Kae Hamilton ( Town of Perdido Beach ), Steve Love ( Town of Perdido Beach ), Eddie Culpepper ( Consultant ), Jaclyn Jadwin ( Asarisi and Associates ), David Wilson ( City of Foley ), Diana Brinson ( Infirmiry Health ), Tiffany Lynn ( Town of Summerdale ), Brandan Franklin ( HMPC President/ City of Gulf Shores ), Richard Rider ( City of Foley ), Nicole Woerner ( City of Orange beach ), Raymond Lovell ( Loxley VFD ), Ray Tanner ( Thomas Hospital ), Chief Joey Darby ( Foley Fire Department ), Dennis Summerford ( Infirmiry Health ), Ed Vaughn ( Loxley VFD ), Brent Goodwin, Amanda Thweatt, Michelle Pennington, Doug Hatten ( BCEMA ).

Guests Present: Diane Burnett (SARPC)

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Brandan Franklin called the meeting to order at 09:03am

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Brandan Franklin gave opening remarks and welcomed all present both in person and virtually.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Brandan Franklin opened the meeting with Approval of Minutes from previous HMPC Full Body Meetings. The Minutes were dated as follows: May 20, July 15, August 19, and October 21, 2021. Motion was made by Nicole Woerner and Seconded by Marinda Turner for a blanket approval of all Minutes.

Ayes: 29

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Motion passed on all Minutes Presented.*

Danon Smith gave an update on the Regional Mitigation Plan / Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Plan and mentioned to all present that a copy of the Plan Draft is on the Hazard Mitigation page of the Baldwin County Commission website. Danon then introduced Diane Burnett with SARPC. Mrs. Burnett stated that all Plan Resolution Adoptions from each jurisdiction and city had been submitted and that the Table of Contents was currently being formatted, and the Plan should be emailed in the form of a digital copy to Danon Smith by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Danon stated that as soon as she received the digital copy, she would upload it onto the website and let everyone know the link to access it. Brandon Franklin expressed his gratitude for everyone's diligence and hard work on the Plan Adoption Process. Brandon also gave compliments on the EMA Hazard Mitigation website page and the information there being so valuable in helping those interested in applying for and seeking help with Grant Application and encouraged all to use it.

Danon Smith gave an update on DR-4563 – Sally that the deadline for application was December 15<sup>th</sup>. Danon stated that the LOI's from DR-4563 had been sent up to the AEMA for approval. Danon also stated that with possible staff shortages on the state level, the deadline date could be pushed back further to January 15<sup>th</sup> and will let everyone know if the deadline date changes again. Danon gave explanations of BRIC and FMA programs and stated that HMGP seemed to be a better option for Baldwin County per her conversations with AEMA. She stated that BRIC was usually awarded to larger metropolitan areas. Danon encouraged all present to submit LOI's for projects needed in their cities and jurisdictions. Danon reported also in her conversations with AEMA, that they were in the process of doing reviews on Flood Mitigation, HMGP and BRIC with 3 staff members and were trying their hardest to get reviews complete so they could send them on to FEMA and encouraged patience with the process and how long it could take to get answers of awards. Brandon Franklin agreed with the statements made.

All present were given nomination ballots for the replacement Lannie Smith (Member-at-Large) and Rachel Keith (Co-Chair) and encouraged to write in nominations for both positions and give them to Danon Smith prior to leaving the meeting. Those attending virtually were emailed the forms and asked to return them to Danon by Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Danon will then prepare the ballots and voting will take place on both positions at the January 13 HMPC Full Body meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Danon Smith reported that HMGP DR-4503 – COVID 19 was the major purpose of coming together today to rank LOI's and discuss projects. Danon stated that the state -wide total for Alabama is \$22.6 Million with no individual county allocations and encouraged all to apply if they have a project. Danon stated that the deadline for application at this point is February 4, 2022 but could possibly change due to staff shortages at the AEMA.

Danon guided everyone present to look at their HMPC Meeting Agenda packet they received at the beginning of the meeting and instructed them to tear off the LOI Ranking Sheets from the back of the agenda packet. Danon explained the ranking process to take place and that LOI's from each participating jurisdiction or city that had returned one was included. Those present that had submitted an LOI were asked to briefly describe their project prior to the ranking process. LOI presentations are as follows:

1. Daphne Utilities – Marinda Turner – Pass Pumps for 25 Lift Stations
2. Daphne Utilities – Marinda Turner - Elevation of WRF Building, add a safe room, elevate 2 Generators, and replace one with natural gas at WRF, and Elevate electrical systems and wet wells at 3 lift stations. Replace 250KW generator at Trojan Plant with natural gas generator.
3. BCC Coroner’s Office – Dr. Brian Pierce – Portable Morgue Surge and overflow unit.
4. Gulf Health Hospitals – NBI – Diana Brinson, Dennis Summerford, Ray Tanner – NBI – Generator
5. Gulf Health Hospitals – Oakwood Center for Living - NBI - Generator
6. Gulf Health Hospitals – Thomas Hospital – Generator
7. City of Daphne – Josh Newman – Burying of 7,000 linear feet of power lines
8. BCC Highway Department – Joey Nunnally – Realignment of River Road Project
9. BCC Solid Waste – Terri Graham – Disposal of Leachate at BC Magnolia Landfill
10. City of Fairhope – Jessica Walker – Flood Mitigation of Fairfield Subdivision – Drainage
11. City of Fairhope – Jessica Walker – Purchase of “Street Sounds” System - Alarm
12. City of Foley – David Wilson – Structural reinforcement of Foley Fire Station #1
13. City of Foley – David Wilson – 175kW Natural Gas Generator – Public Works Bldg.
14. Town of Loxley – Chief Ray Lovell – FEMA 361 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Safe Room
15. Town of Summerdale – Mayor David Wilson, Tiffany Lynn – FEMA 361 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Safe Room
16. Perdido Bay Water, Sewer & Fire – Mark Bohlin – EOC Safe Room
17. City of Orange Beach – Nicole Woerner – Drainage Basin Study
18. City of Orange Beach – Nicole Woerner – Residential Home Elevation -5637 Bayou St. John
19. Town of Perdido Beach – Mayor Kae Hamilton, Heather Moore – Drainage Plan Update
20. BCC Unincorporated – Danon Smith – Nine Residential Home Elevations in unincorporated areas.
21. BCC Unincorporated – Danon Smith – One Residential Safe Room Construction in unincorporated area of Baldwin County.

Projects were ranked by those present and ranking sheets done by those present virtually were given a deadline of getting the ranking forms back to Danon by Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Danon will provide ranking results during the next HMPC Full Body meeting, which is to take place on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 am at the Baldwin County EOC Ops Room in both telepresence and in person.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Nicole Woerner

Second: Jessica Walker

Ayes: 29

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Motion Passed*

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the January 13, 2022, meeting of the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

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Brandan Franklin, Chairperson - Baldwin County HMPC

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Date