

Minutes

Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting

Indian River County Emergency Operations Center
4225 43rd Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32967
July 20, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Etta LoPresti, Vice-Chairman of the Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. LoPresti welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She went on to introduce the group to the new Indian River County Emergency Services Director and Local Mitigation Strategy Chairperson, Tad Stone. Mr. Stone introduced himself and provided everyone with a little background information about himself. He then asked that everyone introduce themselves.

After introductions from the group, Ms. LoPresti reminded the group that the HMGP deadline for submitting applications is **August 6, 2018**.

During LMS meetings we discuss potential projects to be submitted, however, the Florida Division of Emergency Management doesn't provide us with updates so we do not know if anyone did in fact apply, get denied or approved. With that being said, Ms. LoPresti asked the working group to provide a project update.

Project Update:

- **School District of Indian River County** (Bob Michael) – They are submitting HMGP applications for school generator projects.
- **City of Fellsmere** (Jason Nunemaker) – They are submitting an application for partial funding of the South Regional Lake project. They have received partial funding from the St. Johns River Water Management District. Jason requested an LMS letter of support.
- **City of Vero Beach** (Don Dexter) – He provided an update on their project to upgrade the City of Vero Beach Police Department's roof and windows. The project was approved for Hurricane Matthew HMGP funding and the contracts have been signed.
- **City of Sebastian** (Timothy Walker) – Inquired about a project that is a main ditch in the southwest sector of the city that discharges into the river. He explained that there is major erosion and that the city has tried re-stabilization but to no end. Additionally, he explained that there are power poles that will go down because there is no stabilization for them. He is not sure if the project was submitted or denied. Ms. LoPresti will be sending out the general project list to help Mr. Walker determine which project he was referring to.

Ms. LoPresti reminded the group that if they plan on submitting HMGP project applications that they will need to provide an LMS letter of support and she will provide those letters upon request.

Proposed Projects:

- City of Fellsmere (Jason Nunemaker) – He will be submitting four proposed projects that will be added to the general LMS project list.

Dorri Bosworth, City of Sebastian, was concerned that they had a project that was previously number eight on the project list and now it appears as project #38. Ms. LoPresti explained that there is a general project list as well as a project list for both Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma. *Upon further evaluation, Ms. LoPresti informed Ms. Bosworth that the project in question is actually project #10 on the Hurricane Irma project list.*

Mr. Nunemaker stated that he has a culvert replacement project on the list but has received partial funding from other sources. He would like for the project to be removed from the Hurricane Matthew/Irma list but to remain on the general project list. *Etta will e-mail him an LMS Project Status Report form to complete so the project can be removed from the Matthew/Irma lists.*

Ms. LoPresti reminded everyone that projects need to be on the LMS Prioritized Project List before a disaster happens. Ms. Bosworth asked how the projects are scored and Ms. LoPresti explained that the application uses a scoring matrix that ranks the projects. *FYI - The entire scoring process is explained in detail in Section 6 of Indian River County's Local Mitigation Strategy Plan that can be found on our website (<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/LMS/Final-2015-LMS.pdf>).*

Abby Johnson, St. Johns River Water Management District, explained that applicants need to remember that the District can possibly be another funding opportunity. She said that if anyone has any questions to please contact her. *Abby's contact information can be found on the LMS Member Directory.*

The next scheduled meeting will be Friday, September 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.