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**Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy  
Working Group Meeting**

Indian River County Emergency Operations Center  
4225 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Vero Beach, FL 32967  
June 8, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Tad Stone, Chairman of the Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mr. Stone welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Mr. Stone let the group know that we were going to go through the existing projects on the list and see where we are and if they are all still viable projects or if there are any new projects that need to be added to the list. He also informed everyone that Emergency Management has put in to hire a Recovery Mitigation Specialist for the next budget year. Their primary responsibilities will be for the LMS to try and capture grant funding and we believe that this position will end up paying for itself in the long run as we move forward. Mr. Stone turned the meeting over to Ryan Lloyd, Vice-Chairman of the Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group.

Mr. Lloyd welcomed everyone and began going over the contact list to confirm that we have all the current information and corrections to a few contacts were made. After the contact list was reviewed, Mr. Stone informed the group that after 46 years in this field, he will be retiring on July 14, 2022. He made a motion to move Vice-Chairman Ryan Lloyd into the LMS Chairman position. Alexandra Nicholas, Emergency Management Planner I, seconded the motion. All members of the group were in favor.

Mr. Stone continued the meeting by directing everyone to the existing LMS project list. He reviewed each one in order to make sure they were all still hard, viable projects. School shelters are a project that we are always working on and we have started moving some of those over to the Shelter retrofit project with the State. We currently have Treasure Coast Elementary doing a shutter retrofit for the whole school. Mr. Stone asked the Town of Orchid about the shutters at City Hall project. Ms. Cherry Stowe, Town Manager Town of Orchid, explained that the project was small enough that they could just pay for it themselves and it has already been completed, so they would not need to add a new project to the list. Ms. Beth Powell, IRC Parks & Recreation Director, informed the group that they will be submitting an application to add a generator to the IG building to serve as a hub for Law Enforcement and/or Fire Rescue and that they will provide the cost estimate and application. Mr. Lloyd said that if that location would ever be used as a shelter, that

could be retrofitted as well. Ms. Powell stated that the IG Center can be used as a shelter, however it can be used as a central location for them. After going over the remaining list, Mr. Stone asked if there were any other new projects to go over, to which there were none. He asked if the group had any questions. Mr. Lloyd asked if we should consider a new Vice-Chairman at this time. It was suggested that at the next LMS Working Group Meeting the group will nominate a Vice-Chairman. Mr. Lloyd went on to ask the group if everyone is still comfortable with meeting every 6 months or if they would like to move to quarterly meetings. Mr. James Ennis, IRC Public Works Assistant Director, expressed that he thinks it may benefit us to move to the 3 month cycle of meeting. Mr. Lloyd informed the group that we could hold a quick meeting if NOFA becomes available. Ms. Powell suggested that we be open for meetings for those who have projects or have had projects, so you can mentor each other because the process can be intimidating and we can help each other along the way. Ms. Wendy Swindell, IRC Conservation Project Specialist, agreed with Ms. Powell, she expressed that if you haven't gone through the process, you don't know what to expect and how long it can actually take. Mr. Stone suggested that we can reach out to our contacts and bring our regions contact down and give us some additional information.

Mr. Lloyd went around the work to see if anyone had anything to which there were none. He thanked everyone for coming. He asked that if anyone has any projects to try and get those in and if a meeting is required prior to the next scheduled meeting then we will coordinate that. Ms. Powell asked that Miracle Mile be added to the list. Mr. Lloyd let the group know that he was going to make the corrections to the project list that we went over today and will send that out to everyone. He will also send out scoring sheets if they are needed by anyone.

The next scheduled meeting will be in December 2022, details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.