

**LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (LMS/WG) MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2019, MEETING**

Room 1 of the Bert Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center,  
4509 George Blvd. Sebring, FL.

Attendance:

Bill Trucano, OBBA, Chair  
Curtis Knowles, CFRPC  
Josh Turner, AP  
Joe Barber, LP (exc)  
Ken Fields, SB  
David Solomon, HCSB (abs)  
Daniel Cain, FDOH  
Joe deBree, FFS (exc)

VOTING MEMBERS \*

LaTosha Reiss, HCEM, V-Chair  
Paul McGehee, GEC (abs)  
Mike Willingham, SAA  
Clay Shrum, SLID  
Omar DeJesus, SNLID (abs)  
Keith Loweke, SFSC  
Rev. Richard Norris, FLGA Dist., LCMS

\* Present unless otherwise indicated  
Excused (exc)  
Absent (abs)

County Staff:

Melony Culpepper, AICP, Planner

Guests:

Beth Degnan

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PROTOCOL AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS: 8:05 A.M.**
- 2. ROLL CALL:**

With ten members in attendance, a quorum was established.
- 3. SUBSTANTIATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE PER FLORIDA STATUTE CH. 286.**
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Approval of October 17, 2018, LMS Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion to approve, Norris/Shrum, the October 17, 2018, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - A. Annual LMS Update per Florida Administrative Code 27P-22.004 – Staff**

presented the updates that will be sent to the FDEM for compliance with FAC 27P-22.004.

- B. Five-Year LMS Plan Update** – Staff provided the LMS/WG the Critical Facilities List and Project Priorities List from the 2015 Plan. Staff also provided a worksheet for assisting the LMS/WG with updating their Project Priorities List. Mr. Fields stated that the City of Sebring have some projects that need to be removed from this list. He will provide staff with this information for presentation to the LMS/WG at the next meeting. Ms. Reiss asked the group to study their Critical Facilities very carefully to determine if any facilities need to be added.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Annual Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update** – Staff presented the annual report for the CWPP.
- B. Update on organizational membership as approved by the Board of County Commissioners** – Staff informed the LMS/WG that the Board of County Commissioners approved the organizational membership on December 18, 2018. There are two new organizations to the group: Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) and Florida Department of Health (FDOH). The SFWMD has not requested to remain a member.

**7. NEW INITIATIVES:** None.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON INITIATIVES/PROJECTS OR OTHER PUBLIC INPUT:**

Beth Degnan asked if there are any plans for improvements to the Highlands Park Estates. Staff and Chair Trucano explained the intent of the LMS Plan and that each organization that serves on the LMS/WG establish their own initiatives. Ms. Degnan asked how she would become a member of the LMS/WG after she learns more. Staff explained the process of becoming a member and encouraged Ms. Degnan to continue to attend the meetings and provide input to the group.

**9. NEXT LMS MEETING:** The next meeting will be held April 17, 2019, in Room 1 of the Bert Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:22 A.M.