

**LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (LMS/WG) MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 2018, MEETING**

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

Attendance:

LaTosha Reiss, HCEM  
Jason Lister, AP (abs)  
Joe Barber, LP  
Libby Pigman, SFWMD (abs)  
Ken Fields, SB (abs)  
David Solomon, HCSB (abs)  
Paul McGehee, GEC (abs)

VOTING MEMBERS \*

Bill Trucano, OBBA, V-Chair  
Joe DeBree, FFS (abs)  
Mike Willingham, SAA  
Clay Shrum, SLID  
Keith Loweke, SFSC  
Omar DeJesus, SNLID  
Rev. Richard Norris, FLGA Dist., LCMS

\* Present unless otherwise indicated

Excused (exc)

Absent (abs)

County Staff:

Melony Culpepper, Planner

Guests:

Daniel Cain, Florida Department of Health

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PROTOCOL AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS: 8:05 A.M.**
- 2. ROLL CALL:**  
With eight members in attendance, a quorum was established.
- 3. SUBSTANTIATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE PER FLORIDA STATUTE CH. 286.**
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Approval of July 18, 2018, LMS Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion to approve, Norris/Shrum, the July 18, 2018, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2019 – Staff informed the LMS/WG that October is the last quarterly meeting for calendar year 2018. Therefore, the election**

of Officers must occur per the adopted Bylaws of the Highlands County Mitigation Strategy Working Group.

**Motion to nominate Mr. Bill Trucano as Chairman, Willingham/Norris.  
With no other nominations or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to nominate Ms. LaTosha Reiss as Vice-Chairman, Shrum/Norris.  
With no other nominations or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Invitation to Participate** – Staff prepared a written *Invitation* for participation in the LMS/WG per Florida Administrative Code 27P-22.004. A copy of the written invitation and notice for the local newspaper was provided and will be published in the Highlands News-Sun on October 27th. Staff requested that each member provide this information to their agency. If their agency would like to continue representation on the LMS/WG, please submit a letter on your agencies letterhead, to the Highlands County Development Services Department, Attention Melony Culpepper, by November 21, 2018. In December, the agencies will be presented to the Board of County Commissioner for approval.
- C. Annual LMS Update per Florida Administrative Code 27P-22.004** – The LMS/WG was not aware of any changes required to the hazard assessment, project priority list, critical facilities list, repetitive loss list or any maps.
- D. Five-Year LMS Plan Update – Goals and Objectives** – Staff presented the list of goals and objectives currently in the LMS Plan. No changes were requested; however, the members will continue to review and bring any requested changes to the attention of staff.
- 7. NEW INITIATIVES:** None.
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON INITIATIVES/PROJECTS OR OTHER PUBLIC INPUT:** No public comment was provided.
- 9. NEXT LMS MEETING:** The next meeting will be held January 16, 2019, in Room 1 of the Bert Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:41 A.M.