

Public Notice

On Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM Central Time, the Okaloosa County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee will conduct a special meeting in the BCC Meeting Room of the County Administration Building located at 1250 N Eglin Parkway in Shalimar, Florida, to consider authorizing a letter of support for an application to be submitted by the City of Niceville to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to receive grant funds to develop a watershed management plan. The public is invited to attend this meeting and be heard.

Okaloosa County adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Requests may be made to the Growth Management Department at 402 Brookmeade Dr, Crestview, Florida 32539 or at 850-689-5080. For Hearing Impaired, Dial 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), and 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing in order for Okaloosa County to provide the requested service.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these hearings, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

AGENDA
Okaloosa County
Local Mitigation Strategy Committee
January 30, 2025

LOCATION:
1250 N. Eglin Pkwy., Shalimar, FL

TIME: 10:30 AM

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. 11-13-2024 minutes
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Letter of Support for the City of Niceville HMGP Grant
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Renewal of projects on the project list. REMINDER
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VI. **ADJOURN**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
Okaloosa County
Local Mitigation Strategy Committee
November 13, 2024

LOCATION:

1250 N. Eglin Pkwy., Shalimar, FL

TIME: 10:00 AM

VII. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Kampert called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

VIII. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Members present:

Elliot Kampert, Okaloosa County Growth Management
Randy Woodruff, Okaloosa County Growth Management
Sherry Cadenhead, Okaloosa County Growth Management
Leslie Adams, Okaloosa County Growth Management
Ryan Prince, Okaloosa County Public Safety
Scott Bitterman, Okaloosa County Public Works
Ammy Hanson, City of Niceville
Kelvin Cherry, City of Mary Esther
Tom Burns, Town of Shalimar
Nick Schwendt, City of Crestview
Michael Burgess, City of Destin

A quorum was present.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. 5-23-2024 Minutes

Motion by Scott Bitterman to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Ammy Hanson; all ayes.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Possible increase to a 2 foot freeboard requirement

Mrs. Cadenhead informed the group of the HUD requirement of 2' of freeboard for new homes being built in the Flood Zone, and other federally associated funding starting to follow suite to the practice.

Mr. Burgess stated that the City of Destin currently required 3' of freeboard in their ordinance.

Discussion ensued with the other municipalities present as to possibly increasing their freeboard requirement.

B. Getting ready for the 5 year update

Mrs. Cadenhead reminded the group to review their sections of the LMS and be prepared to update their section as well as their project list.

Mr. Kampert also state for the group to look at revisions to the ranking criteria and policies in the LMS in order for the LMS to better coincide with the new grant requirements.

C. Guest Speaker- Jessica Chase- with National Weather Service – Storm Ready Community (for CRS points)

Ms. Jessica Chase with the National Weather Service presented the Storm Ready requirements for CRS. She state once the requirements are submitted they are good for 4 years, and the maintenance for the certification were easy to acquire by attending both the Flood and Hurricane Exercises presented by the County and some simple attendance with the National Weather Service and our local Emergency Management meetings. Only communities with a population of over 15,000 can receive accreditation.

Discussion ensued with Ms. Chase.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update of Vulnerability Study- Ryan Prince

Ryan Prince stated that the next scheduled meeting of the study is scheduled for 11-20-2024.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURN

Mr. Kampert adjourned the meeting at 11:00.