

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
Okaloosa County
Local Mitigation Strategy Committee
May 23, 2024**

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

TIME: 10:30 AM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cadenhead called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Members present:

Sherry Cadenhead, Okaloosa County Growth Management
Leslie Adams, Okaloosa County Growth Management
Ryan Prince, Okaloosa County Public Safety
Ammy Hanson, City of Niceville
Kelvin Cherry, City of Mary Esther
Tom Burns, Town of Shalimar
Keith Williams, Town of Cinco Bayou
Jayce Vanderford, City of Crestview
Bill Smith, Okaloosa County Schools
Tim Gibson, City of Fort Walton Beach

A quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 5-8-2024 Minutes

Motion by Ammy Hanson to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Keith Williams; all ayes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Blackman Fire District – new project for generator

Lieutenant Miranda Sargent of the Blackman Fire District came forward to present the fire districts proposed project.

The Blackman Fire district infrastructure consists of a 1986 diesel Generator for backup electrical power. This older system was passed down from the Air Force to Florida Forestry and then along to the Blackman Fire District. The unit has a manual transfer switch and must be cranked manually when electricity is lost. It is the concern of the fire district that this piece of equipment is inadequate and will not generate the power necessary to run station equipment in order to allow for normal operations. This unit would supply the main electrical power that is needed to fill air bottles that are necessary to support fire operations. It is our goal to update this generator to a larger capacity and to include an automatic transfer switch for operational periods where power is out within our fire district.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Keith Williams to add the project to the LMS Project list; seconded by Ammy Hanson; all ayes.

B. Blackman Fire District – Letter for the grant application

Lt. Sargent requested the committee to write a letter of support to go along with the grant application.

Mr. Ryan Prince asked is the Fire District was prepared to pay the 25% as required of the grant and also the environmental study that would ultimately be required for the grant.

Lt. Sargent stated that the Fire district was prepared and had already set aside funds that would equal the 25% requirement of the grant.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Tim Gibson to issue the letter of support; seconded by Ammy Hanson; all ayes.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Renewal of projects on the project list. REMINDER

Mrs. Cadenhead state she had received some update project information from the municipalities and some are still outstanding.

City of Destin

The following municipalities need to update their projects:

City of Valparaiso

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURN

Motion by Ammy Hanson to adjourn; seconded by Keith Williams; all ayes.