

**OSCEOLA COUNTY**  
**LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**March 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**City of Saint Cloud Building Department (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)**  
**1300 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Saint Cloud, Florida 34769**

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**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Mr. Robin Hinson at 09:05 a.m.**
2. **Attendance- Roll call conducted by Mr. Hinson. There was a quorum present for the meeting, including remote attendance.**
3. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item) – Motion carried unanimously (Crandell/Altrui).**
4. **Membership Updates- Mr. Hinson invited the working group members to provide updates of membership representation. None provided.**
5. **Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2024, LMS Working Group Quarterly Meeting (Action Item) – Motion carried unanimously (/Matheny/Napier)**
6. **Hear the Audience**  
*Except for those matters specifically exempted under the State Statute and Local Ordinance, the Working Group shall provide an opportunity for public comment prior to the undertaking by the Working Group of any action on the agenda. The Working Group will not vote on any item during this portion of the meeting. Rather, this portion of the meeting is to allow for public comments to be heard on items that are on the agenda for that meeting. - No requests to speak were submitted in advance of the meeting. No public comments were made.*
7. **Committee Reports – Mr. Hinson reviewed the following updates for the three subcommittees.**
  - A. **Substantial Damage Subcommittee -Mr. Hinson noted that SFHA letter distribution is under way and invited an update from partner agencies.**
    1. SFHA letter distribution - Mr. Silva-Quintero (Osceola County) stated that they are in the process of securing a third-party vendor to send notification to residents.
    2. CRS Pre-Cycle Visit – Mr. Litton provided an update on the State's approval of Osceola County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and associated annexes, as well as the recent completion of flood alert testing coinciding with the review of the Flood Response Operations Guide (FROG). He noted that both the CEMP and FROG reference and outline the substantial damage determination process.

Mr. Hinson highlighted the need to reconvene the substantial meeting sub-committee and reassume regular meetings. He invited volunteers to serve on the committee.
  - B. **Public Involvement Subcommittee - Mr. Hinson stated that this meeting had to be cancelled in January.**
    1. Severe Weather Awareness Week (Feb 3-7, 2025) - Mr. Hinson reported that the Emergency Management Office actively participated this week in discussions regarding hazards that could potentially impact the County.
  - C. **Project Prioritization Subcommittee - Mr. Hinson informed the group that the subcommittee held its regular project prioritization meeting on February 6, during which four new projects were reviewed.**
    1. Report from February 6, 2025 meeting (4 new projects reviewed)
8. **Project Priority List**
  - A. **Updates/Revisions/New Projects**
    1. Review of all current funded projects – Mr. Hinson invited those agencies with current funded projects to provide updates. No project updates for the last quarter.
    2. New project approval (**Action Item**) – **Motion carried unanimously (Matheny/Altrui).**
      1. City of Saint Cloud- JPA Watershed Master Plan (Score: 34.3) - Mr. Crandel stated that the city has budgeted for this project to begin in the next fiscal year; however, they plan to apply for the grant in January.
      2. Update: South Florida Water Management District- S-57 Conveyance Enhancement (Score: 45.1)
      3. Update: South Florida Water Management District- S-60 Conveyance Enhancement (Score: 44)
      4. Update: South Florida Water Management District- S-63 Conveyance Enhancement (Score: 43.4) Mrs. Masters informed the group that the costs and Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) for all three projects had been updated, and that the project modeling has been completed.
      5. Osceola County- Real-Time Flood Predictive Modeling for Osceola County
      6. Elevate Florida- County allocation
  - B. **Approval of Project List (Action Item) – Motion carried unanimously (Matheny/Napier). The group determined the order in which the projects would be submitted, and updated the master list.**

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- C. Vote to select the projects for HMGP submission: **(Action Item) - The group discussed the allocation of funds and agreed to designate \$500,000 from the Milton funding to support the elevate Florida project.**
1. Hurricane Debby (DR-4806; \$73,348,438.00 Total; \$967,940.29 Osceola allocation)
  2. Hurricane Helene (DR-4828; \$679,653,542.00 Total; \$0 Osceola allocation)
  3. Hurricane Milton (DR-4834; \$1,038,284,290.56 Total; \$6,975,754.24 Osceola allocation)
- D. Other Community Mitigation Projects
1. Shingle Creek and Kissimmee River Water Resources Development Act

**9. Discussion Items**

**A. Plan Updates**

1. Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
  - a. Approved February 26, 2025
  - b. Adoption required within 90 days
2. LMS 2026 – Process starts in Spring 2025 (Draft due to FDEM September 2025)
  - a. 2025 LMS Plan Review Sub-Committee (4-5 members)
  - b. Public Comment Meeting

**B. Program Updates**

1. Bylaws review (2025)
2. Nomination & Election of Vice-Chair for 2025 **(Action Item) – Motion carried unanimously (Napier/Altrui). Mr. Hinson called for a nomination to serve as the next vice chair, and Mr. Ristau expressed his interest in filling the position.**

- C. **Training Opportunities** – Mr. Hinson provided updates on the following training opportunities. Mr. Litton stated that he had sent a reminder to the group regarding the upcoming Recovery Mitigation Task Force meeting, which will be held at the Osceola County EOC. He noted that FDEM will be bringing in experts from the state, including bureau chiefs from mitigation and recovery, as well as the voluntary liaison from FEMA. The meeting will focus on lessons learned from recent hurricanes and preparations for the upcoming season.

1. Crisis Track Training (March 17; Osceola County EOC)
2. G-393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers (May 7-9; Osceola County EOC)
3. Florida's Training for Emergency Management (FTEM) – (June 9 – 13; Orlando- Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress)

- D. **Meeting Updates** – Mr. Hinson provided updates on the following meetings and advised attendees to look for upcoming correspondence regarding the scheduling of the 2025 general meetings.

1. FDEM Mitigate FL (Meeting March 11)- *Meeting Info in packet.*
2. Next LMS Working Group General Meeting- June 12, 2025 (hosted by City of Kissimmee)

**10. Adjournment (Action Item) – Motion carried unanimously (Napier/Crandell).**

(Previous and upcoming LMS Working Group meeting dates, materials, minutes, and recordings are available on Osceola County's website at <https://www.osceola.org/about-osceola-county/county-meetings/local-mitigation-strategy.stml>)