



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**



**February 9, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Palm Beach County EOC – Teleconference/WebEx**

I. Dial-in Information

Web Ex Meeting: LMS Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Number: 2308 231 9625

Meeting password: d4Hqebw2k5U

Date and time: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 9:00 AM

To join meeting: <https://pbc-gov.webex.com/pbc-gov/j.php?MTID=m7dda1f9ff7f99b2a052b8d98e455bf58>

Call in numbers:
1-904-900-2303
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**II. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions/Roll Call – Ralph Wall,
Chairperson – *Called to order at 9:04 AM***

Roll Call for Meeting:

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| Andrea Dobbins – Not Present | John Garofalo – Not Present |
| Angela Prymas – Present | John James – Not Present |
| Aileen Hernandez – Not Present | Jongelene Adams – Not Present |
| Carlos Cedeno – Present | Ken Roundtree – Present |
| David Rotar – Present | Nicole Coates – Not Present |
| Doug Wise – Present | Sharon Almeida – Present |
| Elizabeth Perez – Present | Ralph Wall – Present |
| Jacquelyn Anderson – Not Present | Ronnie Heen – Present |
| Jeff Ludicello – Not Present | Ian Ohlin – Present |
| Jeremy McBryan – Not Present | |



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- III. **LMS Steering Committee Member update – Ronnie Heen, PBC DEM**
- Found a membership and re-membership application form. Is that something we want to do with our current members?
 - For all the committees that they are on across the board. Mostly for the working group because they have a bigger turn over
 - Will send over to Ralph to review and how we can move forward – if we want to use it or not
 - Reached out to municipalities and stake holders to update the list at the end of 2021
 - Formalize the process, if we haven't heard back from a certain person in that agency, we can then follow up with the agency on who the updated contacts are
 - Will incorporate in the LMS and make it seamless so it will be easy to replicate
 - Agency members, if registered with an agency, will need to attend meetings so they can apply for the PPL projects
 - If we can make the form a fillable PDF that will make it easier to use and return back to us
 - Ken has volunteered to go to any of the western agencies that we don't hear back from and see if he can meet with the agencies in person and who they would like to register for their agency
 - The League of Cities is another suggestion; they may be able to help with who is going to participate from the different agencies
 - Don't have a chair for the Revisions Committee currently
 - We elected a chair at the first Revisions Committee last time
 - So for the first meeting the first action will be to elect a chair for that committee
- IV. **Discussion regarding HMGP FY22Q1– Ronnie Heen, PBC DEM**
- Help us keep track of our projects
 - Quarterly list with examples of the projects we have on here
 - We need to follow up with our own projects and PPLS and make sure we are getting follow ups
 - Would like to follow up to see if we can capture the project better and share the results of what these agencies are doing with the funding they will or have received
 - Help boost what the county is doing with the grant funding they are receiving/asking for
 - We reach out to agencies who have an open project and ask them if they would like to share their experience and we take in what-ever information they want to share with us



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- Rep in Tallahassee (Ian) mentioned to reach out to them about any real concerns so they can advocate to the government for the different agencies to make the process easier to accomplish
- Palm beach received 9.5 million, these are people we would like to invite to talk to us about their experience and process on what works and what doesn't work
- Advice: It takes a while to get all the paperwork together to get funding, so make sure the project is at least 1 or 2 years out and you don't need the funding right away

V.

Watershed Planning Initiative – Ronnie Heen, PBC DEM

- Working with the group out of FAU on the watershed management plan. They are coming next Friday and we are going to try to get to a class four
- Going to reach out to Broward and see what their initiatives are with this plan
- Will be sharing any information that we do receive. Waiting on information on Phase 2.
- Phase 1 was gathering data and the flood information and research. Phase 2 goes into applying for the grants. They haven't opened up the grant window or sent out the specific requirements. Phase 2 is basically a notice of funding when they need agencies to apply if they meet the requirements. The initiative is throughout the State of FL.
- It's HMGP funding through the state and then we will be working on reimbursing the state
- They will be pushing out a standardized application and what needs to be submitted. They want to make sure that everyone knows that the requirements are.
- Advantage with working with FAU is they know what the requirements will be and so there won't be a lot of gray area.
- Contract would be between the agencies and FAU. The state wouldn't be reimbursing the contractor. It would be going towards the government agencies who are applying
- FAU has offered their services, but they are not saying we have to use them for Phase 2; there is no obligation to use FAU
- FAU saying this will be more beneficial for class 5/6 to apply however, they are not discriminating those who are in the higher class categories

VI.

Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Completed all the items we needed for our visit
- We would like to try to pass the class five
- We are also working with CRS Max



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- PPL Application score card changes will be brought up at the next Evaluation Committee meeting; once they are approved by the other committees they will be adopted
- Ian is the regional rep for our mitigation

VII. **Next Meeting: May 25, 2022 at 9:00am, Web Ex (Virtual)**

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