

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

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

**TIME: 10:00 AM**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**II. 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.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. 5-23-2024 Minutes

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

**IV. 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.

### V. 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

### VI. ADJOURN

**Mr. Kampert adjourned the meeting at 11:00.**