

**St. Lucie County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy
(LMS)
Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
July 28, 2006**

Attendants:

Larry Nadeau, Chair, City of PSL
Nick Mimms, Vice-Chair, City of Fort Pierce
Bill Hoeffner, Saint Lucie County
Bill Thiess, Fort Pierce Utilities/Saint Lucie Village
David Thompson, Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office
Bob Massa, Saint Lucie County Schools
Danita Morgan, City of Fort Pierce
James Moses, SLC Health Department
James C. Lynch, LBFH, Inc.
Richard Walker, Saint Lucie Medical Center
Walter Fauth, Fort Pierce SBA
Linda Whalen, City of Fort Pierce
Roberta Breene, St. Lucie County
Gary Perdew, SLC Fire District
Rogelio Gonzelez, COA Community Transit
Alane Sisilli, City of PSL
Kathy LaMartina, SFWMD
Carmen Capezzuto, City of Port St. Lucie
Jane LaBombard, NSLRWCD & FPFWCD
Tom Christopher, SLC Public Safety
Christa Razum, City of Fort Pierce
Marty Sanders, Saint Lucie County Schools

Seventeen of Twenty-Four organizations composing the Steering Committee were represented.

New members attending the meeting included: Walter Fauth, Fort Pierce SBA, Jane LaBombard, NSLRWCD & FPFWCD, and Tom Christopher, SLC Public Safety.

Meeting Announcement: This meeting was announced at the June 23, 2006, meeting to the attendees of that meeting. An email was also sent to known members of the Steering Committee. One letter was sent to a member who had been absent from recent meetings. Public notice was posted at the Press Table in the St. Lucie County Administration Building. The agenda was posted on the Board of County Commissioners' calendar on the St. Lucie County website.

1. June Meeting Minutes: Mr. Walker made a motion to accept the June 23, 2006, minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Thiess and approved.

2. New Steering Committee Organizations: The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and the St. Lucie County Public Safety Department were added as voting members in the last meeting. Mr. Hoeffner stated that after reviewing the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy, he is of the opinion that the Steering Committee may not have the authority to add members without amending the Strategy, which has been formally adopted by the County and the three cities. After discussion,

it was agreed that Mr. Hoeffner will seek an opinion regarding this matter from the County Attorney. A discussion was also conducted regarding adding Indian River Community College and a representative from the St. Lucie Homeowners Association to the Steering Committee. It was agreed that both organizations will be invited to the meetings but not added as voting members at this time.

3. Quorum: Mr. Hoeffner advised the committee that the adopted Strategy does not define a quorum and this raises a question regarding the number of votes from Steering Committee members needed to approve a motion. After a discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Hoeffner will discuss this issue with the County Attorney and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

4. Member Resolutions: The City of Fort Pierce provided the Committee with a copy of their resolution adopting the St. Lucie County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy. Resolutions have now been obtained from the county and the three cities as required. The Local Mitigation Strategy is therefore approved and complete.

5. De-Obligating Lakewood Park Project: Mr. Hoeffner informed the group that during a conference call with Mr. Nadeau and Susan Jones from the Division of Emergency Management, even though the Lakewood Park Project was approved for funding, it was de-obligated because it was not on the priority list established by the Committee. Priorities, lost funding, and possible new funding were discussed.

6. Hurricane Wilma HMGP funding: Mr. Hoeffner informed the Committee that HMGP applications for Hurricane Wilma are due 9/15/2006. A discussion was conducted regarding priorities for this funding and the Committee reviewed project priorities. Those interested in applying were encouraged to submit an application.

7. Classification of County LMS Projects: Mr. Hoeffner reviewed a Form #3 requesting funding for shutters for the Health Department. Mr. Moses made a motion to accept with the numbers and name corrected. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mr. Hoeffner handed out lists of open projects. He will send the project lists to each jurisdiction to check the current status and funding. He asked they fill in the information and get the form back to him before the next meeting.

Mr. Nadeau suggested they check other sources for funding.

8. ICS/NIMS Training Requirements: There was discussion on which entities have completed training. Future grants will require communities to have qualified and met the NIMS requirements.

9. Announcements:

- Ordinance Regarding Debris Collection From Private Roads

Ms. Whalen handed out copies of the Civil Emergencies Ordinance that she drafted. She is an independent contractor for the City of Fort Pierce. Roger Jones of FEMA has approved the ordinance. She went over the draft and explained items that should not be changed and why.

She explained that there must be one person that has the authority to order removal of debris, hold harmless agreements, and validation.

There was discussion on the guidelines for payment.

-Surge, Sort, Support Training

Mr. Moses and Mr. Christopher gave reports on plans for meetings and disseminating information collected regarding a pandemic.

Mr. Nadeau reminded members to bring a Form #3 to next month's meeting and review the spreadsheet that Mr. Hoeffner will send.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2006, 9:30-11:30
CONFERENCE ROOM #3 OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2300 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE.**

Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Marlin