

**Hazard Mitigation Planning Board
Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Members present

John Deatrick, DPW&T
Gerald Gardiner, Emergency Management
Ed Hogan, METCOM
Bill Hunt, LUGM

Members via Webex

Phillip Burch, State Highway via webex
Eric Benson for Mark Stancliff IT Department via webex
Vince Whittles, Community Member via webex

Members absent

Steve Walker, Director of Emergency Service
Mike Wyant, Public Schools
Tony Wheatley, Town of Leonardtown

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to accept the minutes from the May 19, 2021, meeting as presented.

Motion by Vince Whittles, second by Ed Hogan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Eric Benson, Bill Hunt, Vince Whittles, Gerald Gardiner, Ed Hogan

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Silver Jackets

Gerald Gardiner gave an update on the Silver Jackets advising the project was approved. Another meeting will be set up once the funding is received.

B. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Gerald Gardiner gave an update on the BRIC and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

C. By-Laws

Gerard Gardiner gave an update on the By-Laws advising they were approved by the CSMC on July 13, 2021.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Member Request for Change

I move that Eric Benson replace Mark Stancliff as the representative for the Department of Information & Technology and move forward with making a recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for approval.

Motion by Bill Hunt, second by Vince Whittles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, John Deatruck, Eric Benson, Bill Hunt, Vince Whittles, Gerald Gardiner, Ed Hogan

B. FEMA Revised Flood Maps

Gerald Gardiner gave an update on the FEMA Map Revision.

7. BOARD MEMBER TIME

Bill Hunt welcomed Eric Benson to the board.

John Deatruck advised we are now realizing once we extracted information from 311, and other complaints that we have multiple whole neighborhoods with nuisance flooding in both coastal or interior locations. We're characterizing those issues as

1. County owned facilities that need repair or upgrading (example a forebay owned by DPW&T that flows to an unkept HOA pond, so really two problems documented in triennial MES inspections for MS-4 program)
2. Historic problems – neighborhoods only a few feet above sea level (Example Golden Beach)
3. Problems caused by Developer designs for site, stormwater systems and/or construction (Example Cecile Mills and Broadcreek)
4. Problems caused by defunct HOAs (Example Lavender Estates and many, many others)
5. Aging infrastructure (Example Mechanicsville Rd. rusted out culverts near Coffee Hill Run near MD5 and Yowaiski Mills Road)
6. Private matters that affect County ROW (Example Andover Estates roadway ditch and yard flooding generated by runoff from farm fields)

8. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 AM

Motion by John Deatruck, second by Ed Hogan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, John Deatruck, Eric Besnon, Bill Hunt, Vince Whittles, Gerald Gardiner, Ed Hogan

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by Hazard Mitigation Planning Board on Nov 17, 2021.