

REGION 6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS SUB-COMMITTEE

MEETING #6 MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2021 **Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: South Central Planning and Development Commission Video Conferencing

Call to Order – 1:05 by Adam Lefort

I. Welcome

- Adam Lefort welcomed everyone to the sixth meeting of the Watershed Region 6 Floodplain Managers Sub Committee. Adam Lefort stated the purpose of the meeting with an overview of the meeting agenda.
- Roll Call
 - Present Committee Members (9/16): **Marcia Shivers, John Boudreaux, Darla Duet, Lisa Ledet, Marrill McKarry, Kevin Durbin, Danielle Young, Tammy A. Luke, Seamus Riley (proxy for Maggie Talley)**
 - Absent: Charlene Picard Jerome Landry, Mike Metcalf, Brian Romero, Claire Darby, Nathan Cobb, Rene Pastorek,
 - Other: Adam Lefort, Amanda Voisin, Michelle Gonzales, Mechelle Olivier, Tara Lambeth, Earl Matherne

Meeting Minutes

- There was no quorum to approve the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes at that time.

II. Community Rating System

Presentation by Mechelle Olivier

- Mechelle Oliver presented an update on the Community Rating System. Charlie Cook stressed the hot word is Equity (poverty, LMI) when writing plans and grants for FEMA. The LWI has talked about creating a hub for data and the Texas Water Development Board has a hub like that where it's linked to have updated data. There is a new form for the AW- 501 called the NFIP Repetitive Loss Update Form. There is no transmittal sheet that needs to be submitted. Variances is a bigger issue but not in Louisiana so much for Ag buildings and accessory buildings. ISO update is down a new tool is coming out in summer to share. Activity 450 SMR credit may be impacted for not having a full watershed map, but under the new addendum will have a slight higher score. Darla Duet asked about the variances for accessories that if it's below BFE but within Square footage of FEMA requirements will it have an impact. For CRS, accessories are not looked, just Ag building. If it is in the ordinance, it is not considered a variance.

III. Regional Steering Committee Update

RSC Update

- Adam Lefort updated on the RSC. The next meeting is April 28, 2021. They will be adopting Round 1 Scoring by April 31, 2021. RSCP will select the \$5 million in regional projects this summer. Currently outreach is being done on the governance structure to make final recommendations to the State.

IV. Sub-Committee Goals

Outreach

- Adam Lefort went over and asked what outreach efforts are being done in each community to inform about floodplain management. Kevin Durbin does an annual outreach to those in the flood zone area for CRS. They sometimes go out and speak at local interest groups and council. Tara Lambeth does an annual mailing through the water bill for all residents. They also provide information at table for events. Marcia Shivers do a yearly mail out to mortgage companies, lenders, and real estate agents to reach out for more information. Also do mailers to RL and SRL. They have additional information and FEMA links on their website. Earl Matherne has a bit on the website and suggested to go to the CRS manual with an extensive list of what references should be on the website. The link to LSU Ag and FEMA are on the website but rather they call to make sure the mapping information is correct for actual property. Marcia Shivers also offers map services for flood zone and wetlands. Earl Matherne is planning on doing a series of 3-4 meetings for outreach. In Jefferson they have represented at homeowner association already. Darla Duet mentioned that the new flood maps won't be until July. It will not be to the public until the Parish approves the plans. Michelle Olivier said that the Parishes should host their own community meetings on top of FEMA meetings to get better outreach. Mechelle Olivier mentioned all CRS communities do outreach. Most do annual outreach outside of it and many communities have good websites with information. Some gaps that are missing in general is getting people not in the SFHA aware that they can still flood.

Committee Member Discussion

- *Member spotlight:* On April 13, 2021, FEMA hosted a monthly Floodplain Managers Training. Darla Duet was a guest speaker. Devin Foil, former member, has released a podcast to discuss flooding in NOLA called River Runs Backwards.

At this time, public comment was opened. There was none.

V. Overview of Timeline

Upcoming Events

- LFMA Mini Sessions
 - o April 30, 2021
 - o June 25, 2021
 - o September 24, 2021
 - o December 10, 2021
- CFM Testing on May 7 in Lafourche and Livingston Parish and October 1 in Jefferson Parish

Next Steps

- Plan next meeting
- Complete and circulate minutes
- Finalize goals and work plan discussion

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 P.M.