

Hazard Mitigation Planning Board
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Phillip Burch, SHA District 5
Vince Whittles, Community Member
Ed Hogan, METCOM
James Gotsch, DPW
Charles Eible, Public School
Courtney Jenkins, LUGM
Jennifer Utz, Director of Emergency Services
Amy Bledsoe, Emergency Management

Members Not Present

Eric Benson, IT Department
Tony Wheatley, Town of Leonardtown

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the Aug 21, 2024, meeting as presented.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by James Gotsch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, James Gotsch, Charles Eible, Courtney Jenkins,
Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe

3. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Calendar 2025

I move to approve the 2025 meeting calendar as presented.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by Phillip Burch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, James Gotsch, Charles Eible, Courtney Jenkins, Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe

B. 2024 Annual Report

Amy Bledsoe informed the Board that the 2024 Annual Report will be ready for review at the Feb 2025 meeting.

C. Community Rating System

Courtney Jenkins updated the Board that the application process has been completed with FEMA to be part of the CRS rating system. They are working on a press release for the public.

D. St. George's Island Tidal Gauge

Amy Bledsoe updated the Board about issues with the St. George's Island Tidal Gauge and the replacement plan.

5. BOARD MEMBER TIME

- Jim Gotsch gave an update on the completion of the Military Installation Resilience review. It will be presented at the Dec 3rd, 2024, joint meeting with NAS PAX and St Mary's Commissioners. He also added that the dame has been removed from The Johnson Pond.
- Ed Hogan advised that METCOM has a proposal for climate change flood vulnerability assessment and briefly questioned if the County would like to go in on the funding.

6. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 10:08.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by Courtney Jenkins

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, James Gotsch, Charles Eible, Courtney Jenkins, Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Board on May 21, 2025.