

Hazard Mitigation Planning Board
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Members' Present

Phillip Burch, SHA District 5
Tony Wheatley, Town of Leonardtown
Vince Whittles, Community Member
Ed Hogan, MetCom and Vice-Chairperson
Eric Benson, IT
Charles Eible, SMC Public Schools
Jennifer Utz, Director of Emergency Services
Amy Bledsoe, Emergency Management Manager and Chairperson
Donald Mills, Acting Director DPW&T
Courtney Jenkins, LUGM

Members' Not Present

Jessica Andritz, LUGM

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting as presented.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by Tony Wheatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Tony Wheatley, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, Eric Benson, Charles Eible, Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe, Donald Mills, Courtney Jenkins

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review & Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Progress Report

I move to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Progress Report as presented.

Motion by Eric Benson, second by Ed Hogan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Tony Wheatley, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, Eric Benson, Charles Eible, Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe, Donald Mills, Courtney Jenkins

B. Review & Approval of the Nuisance Flood Plan

I move to approve and endorse the Nuisance Flood Plan as presented, and to forward it to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for their consideration and approval.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by Tony Wheatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Tony Wheatley, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, Eric Benson, Charles Eible, Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe, Donald Mills, Courtney Jenkins

4. BOARD MEMBER TIME

- Courtney Jenkins reported that the St. Mary's 2050 Comprehensive Plan update is underway, and the project website is being regularly updated. She encouraged everyone to visit the site for current resources and information.
- Tony Wheatley briefed the Board on the ongoing work at the McIntosh Run lift stations. A completion date is not yet available, and an update will be provided when known.
- Jen Utz reminded the Board that it is still hurricane season and noted that DES continues monitoring weather activity. She highlighted their active partnership with DPW&T.

5. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 AM.

Motion by Tony Wheatley, second by Ed Hogan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Phillip Burch, Tony Wheatley, Vince Whittles, Ed Hogan, Eric Benson, Charles Eible, Jennifer Utz, Amy Bledsoe, Donald Mills, Courtney Jenkins

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Board on November 19th, 2025.