

**Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2015**

TASK FORCE	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Mar.
MEMBERS						
Citizen Member – Greg Michaud, Chair	X		X	X	X	X
Auburn – Rick Marx		X	X	X	X	X
Buffalo – Daniel Miller			X	X	X	X
Cantrall – Phil Holler	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chatham – Patrick McCarthy	X		X	X		X
Curran – Tim Luckey	X		X			
Dawson – Robin Ashton-Hale	X		X			
Divernon – Jim Copelin	X		X	X	X	X
Illioopolis – Jonathan Horsley				X		
Jerome – Dale Lael	X		X	X	X	X
Leland Grove – Paul LaMantia		X	X	X	X	X
Mechanicsburg – Kenneth Metcalf, Sr., Lee Ann Burgener	X		X	X	X	X
New Berlin – Terry Nydegger		X	X	X	X	X
Pawnee – Dave Skinner	X	X		X	X	X
Riverton – Louie Rogers	X					
Rochester – Gael Kent / Joe Hill	X	X		X	X	X
Sangamon County – Brian McFadden		X				
Sherman – Mike Moos		X	X	X	X	
Southern View – Judy Gordon	X		X	X	X	X
Spaulding – Mike Foster	X		X	X		
Springfield – Ken Fustin, Jeph Basset, Kenny Scarlette, Nate Bottom		X	X	X		X
Williamsville – John Brennan		X	X	X	X	X
Abraham Lincoln Cap. Airport – Tim Franke		X	X	X		
Ameren – Gretchen Jarrett / Robert Swafford	X	X	X		X	
American Red Cross – Glen Fisher	X	X				
CWLP – Rick Meadows	X		X			
Central Management Services – Diane Hoots	X		X	X	X	
Rural Electric Convenience Coop. – Lou Delaby	X		X		X	
Sang. Co. Dept. of Public Health – Diana Wade	X		X		X	X
Sang. Co. Dept. of Zoning. – Trustin Harrison, Vice-chair		X				
Sang. Co. GIS. – Tracy Garrison		X	X			X
Sang. Co. Farm Bureau – Paul Rice		X	X			
Sang. Co. Highway Dept. – Brian Wright	X	X	X		X	
Sang. Co. Office of Emergency Mgmt. – Bill Russell	X	X	X	X	X	X
Springfield Homebuilders Assoc. – Steve Sturm	X		X	X	X	X
Springfield Park District – Marcus Miller	X	X	X	X	X	
Springfield School District #186 – Darrell Schaver	X		X			
Springfield Mass Transit District – Frank Squires					X	X
Springfield Metro Sanitary Dist. – G Humphrey / M Ashenfelter	X	X		X	X	X
University of Illinois at Springfield – Dave Barrows						
STAFF:						
Abby Bybee	X	X	X			
Molly Berns			X	X	X	X
Steve Keenan					X	X
Gail Weiskopf	X	X	X	X	X	X
General Public:						
Ron Davis (IEMA)					X	

Call to order:

Greg Michaud, Chair called to order the sixth meeting of the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force.

Approval of Minutes:

Michaud, Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 2, 2014. John Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Steve Sturm seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Review of draft plan:

Molly Berns, project manager for the Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, gave the attached power point presentation to stress the importance of completing the plan to the task force. Berns gave specific details about what has been completed, what still needs to be completed by the individual communities, and informed the task force of the mandatory deadlines.

Berns explained since 2008, FEMA required regulations with new and existing plans have gotten much more stringent. Documentation is a key and critical part of the process to complete the plan. Berns noted to confirm that the criteria for participation have been met by each participating community and to be in compliance with the regulator standards copies of each task force meeting sign in sheets and copies of each community's paperwork must be submitted.

Berns explained once this is completed than as communities apply for individual grants because your community was part of this process and FEMA has already confirmed the data review and documentation with the plan than that alleviates some of the burden from the community.

Berns stated because this is an updated plan the requirements for participation from the communities and other entities are the same as they were in 2008. Berns stated each of the requirements. Berns stressed that attendance of two-thirds of meetings is a must. Berns noted a hosted opportunity for public involvement would be like this meeting, village board meetings, or posting information on community websites and has been completed by each of the communities. Berns said the draft plan will be reviewed and commented on at the end of the month.

Berns reported as of now, the Task Force and the Planning Commission have been working to complete the obligations to finalize the draft. Berns stated all of obligations necessary to finalize the draft and stress the following obligations still need to be completed: 1) document which objectives have been met and identify new objectives- the Task Force has did this to some extent as the RPC receives the updates for each of the communities mitigation items that were in the 2008 plan then the RPC will complete the narrative for adding this to the plan, 2) address floodplain Repetitive Loss Structures – Berns noted this was new to the plan. Berns defined Repetitive Loss Structures is a FEMA term for a structure in the floodplain that buys flood insurance and has losses repetitively, eventually FEMA, IEMA, IDNR, and the County would like to see the communities to purchase the property when grant rounds come about and turn into green space. Berns explained that FEMA supplied the data and RPC will complete this information for the plan.

Berns stated what's left is the main purpose of this meeting, and some deadlines. The Task Force needs to update community specific data, major employers and critical facilities. Berns thanked the communities that have met their obligations and supplied all the pertinent information. But Berns said there were still some missing components from the other communities. Berns explained everyone needs to review the

major employers who were in the 2008 plan and add any that need to be included or delete them if necessary.

The critical facilities list shown in Figure 8 in the original plan by community is incredibly important. Every critical structure must be included, so a Fair Market Value for replacing each of the structures can be determined. For floodplain issues and other disaster related issues, FEMA will check the data for accuracy and the numbers must track.

Berns stated that some of the communities are still missing their mitigation items. Berns broke down each of the mitigation items and explained how to review each item and update them for the new plan. Berns noted the underlined words are FEMA's language. When FEMA starts to review the plan and we do the crosswalk, FEMA makes it very clear in describing what Should means *strongly encouraged* and Must and shall means *if it is not done the plan will not be approved*. Berns noted that FEMA mandates that a minimum of two (2) action items per community per top hazards. The top hazards here are severe storms, tornado and winter storms, so each community needs to have two (2) action items for each of the top hazards. Berns explained this is a big change because the NFIP wants details. The rating system allows a community to do additional activities to lower their score and receive discounts on black flood insurance. Several communities are in compliance with the NFIP because of how they keep drainage culverts clean.

Berns paused for questions but there were no questions.

Berns said the task force needed to clarify tonight if objectives 3.b. and 5.b. "Assure water is available in case of drought." are needed in the plan in both places. Berns turned this item over to Chair Greg Michaud.

Michaud, Chair asks for any discussion. Mr. Steve Sturm spoke about how the objectives were about two separate water sources. Michaud, Chair noted the distinction between the two sources and asks if the task force was comfortable in adding the word "potable" to 3.b. after Assure. Michaud, Chair asks for an approval of the item. The approval was unanimous.

Berns said by thinking outside of the box and including Goal 5.a. in the community's individual plan and participating in the new county-wide task force. The community would already be using this as a planning mechanism and could also count toward its floodplan as well.

Next steps:

Berns stated the reason for the mandatory deadlines is FEMA said it would take approximately 45 days to review it, which will be about May 15th. Ron Davis mentioned in December there may be a grant available in June or July. So one week from today, March 10, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. the following items need to be submitted to RPC:

- Critical facilities list verified, sent to RPC
- Major employers list verified, sent to RPC
- Mitigation items within parameters described above sent to RPC.

On March 23-25, 2015 the Final (draft) plan remitted to Task Force members for review. Any comments, corrections, etc. submitted to RPC by March 27, 2015.

Next Meetings:

The next meeting is March 31, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the County Board Chambers and will be the final meeting of the Task Force to approve plan.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjournment:

Michaud, Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Frank Squires made the motion and John Brennan seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf