

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

December 19, 2018

The L.E.P.C. held a meeting on December 19, 2018 with Butch Hamlett presiding over the meeting. There were 6 members present: Butch Hamlett, Julie Hamlett, Bill Mayhew, Dan Witt, Phillip Staten and Shelia Hazelwood.

Guests: Chris Bruce and Ray Earp from VDEM.

Butch Hamlett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dams were discussed. The effects of hurricane Michael were discussed.

Butch introduced the new County Administrator, Dan Witt.

Charlotte County was approved for Hurricane Michael funding.

The need to do a table top exercise was discussed.

Chris Bruce gave examples of types of table top exercises. Deadlines and what types (mass casualties, water and active shooter were discussed).

Julie Hamlett stated that Southside SWCD would be doing a Dam Safety table top exercise. The EOP is already in place and the effects of weather are a major factor in doing these exercises rather than other types that were discussed.

Keyville water issue was discussed. What is needed to rectify the problem so a shelter at SVCC can be put into place? Butch mentioned that he had 2 meetings with the churches to set up a plan of action in case of another 'event'. They will meet again in January.

Grants- funds for back-up power were discussed. Towns would be eligible, but each has its own mitigation process. Discussion about trying to get a generator placed at Central Middle School cafeteria only so a shelter could be used at this location. The school would be responsible for requesting funds.

HMPG grants - \$4 million for Hurricane Florence and \$6 million for Hurricane Michael.

Fire Departments could be eligible for grants.

Dan Witt reported that questions were being received from landowners for damage funds.

Bill Mayhew reported that the Rescue Squad had no problems with generators during the storm.

Phillip Staten reported that the need for generators needs to be looked into.

Shelia Hazelwood said that things have thankfully been very quiet.

VDOT has no representative at the time due to Scott Shippe leaving.

The LEPC committee list needs to be sent to Stacy Neal at VDEM annually. The Board of Supervisors needs to approve this each year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Hamlett, Secretary