



Marion County

Local Mitigation Strategies

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

10:00 AM

**Growth Services Main Training
Room**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

1. ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1. [Election of New Chairman and Vice-Chairman](#)
- 1.2. [2026 Priority Project List](#)
- 1.3. [2026 Membership List Update](#)

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- 2.1. [2025 Five-Year Report Update](#)

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- 3.1. [Steering Committee/Work Group Comments](#)
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4. OTHER BUSINESS

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5. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

- 5.1. [October 15, 2025, and April 15, 2026](#)

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Local Mitigation Strategies

Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23571

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 1.1.

SUBJECT:

Election of New Chairman and Vice-Chairman

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

We need to elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee. The new Chairman and Vice-Chairman will start in August.

Bylaws of the Marion County, Florida, Hazard Mitigation Working Group

ARTICLE I. PURPOSES OF THE WORKING GROUP

The purpose of the Marion County Hazard Mitigation Working Group is to decrease the vulnerability of the citizens, governments, businesses and institutions of Marion County, Florida, to the future human, economic and environmental costs of natural, technological, and societal/manmade disasters. The Working Group will develop, monitor, and maintain a local strategy for hazard mitigation and post disaster redevelopment which will be intended to accomplish this purpose.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Marion County Working Group for Hazard Mitigation is voluntary by all participating entities. Membership is established in accord with the following provisions:

- Membership in the Working Group is open to all jurisdictions, organizations and individuals supporting its purposes, and
- The membership and participation of local governments in the Working Group is controlled by contractual agreements between the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Marion County, and the participating municipalities, which are listed in Attachment A. These contractual agreements are incorporated hereto by reference, and their provisions are controlling.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organizational structure of the Working Group shall consist of a Steering Committee and permanent and/or temporary subcommittees.

A. The Steering Committee

The Working Group shall be guided by a Steering Committee of not more than twelve members, consisting of designated representatives of the following:

- One representative from the government of Marion County and each participating municipality,
- One representative from organizations and associations representing key businesses, industry, and community interest groups of Marion County, and
- Other such individuals appointed by a majority vote of the Steering Committee.

Members of the Steering Committee will be designated by formal resolution, appointment or other action to serve as the official representative and spokesperson for the jurisdiction or organization regarding the activities and decisions of the Working Group. To maintain good standing; members of the Steering Committee must have un-excused absences of more than three consecutive meetings.

B. Subcommittees

The Working Group shall have four permanent subcommittees: Risk Assessment, Mitigation Planning, Public Information, and Financial Issues. Membership of the permanent subcommittees is unlimited and is open to all interested jurisdictions, organizations and individuals.

Temporary subcommittees may be established at any time for special purposes by the chair of the Steering Committee, and their membership designated at that time.

Membership in the subcommittees is not restricted. There are no requirements for individuals to maintain good standing as members of a permanent or temporary subcommittee.

C. Program Staff

The Marion County Community Services Department, or other county agencies as may be subsequently designated, will provide and/or coordinate individual and organizations serving as the program staff for the Working Group.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Any member in good standing of the Steering Committee is eligible for election as an officer. The Steering Committee will have a chair elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members. The Steering Committee will also elect by majority vote a vice-chair. One of these positions will be elected from the representatives of local government and the other from the representatives of the private sector. Each will serve a term of one year, and be eligible for re-election for an unlimited number of terms. The chair and vice-chair of the Steering Committee are also considered to be chair and vice-chair of the Working Group.

The chair of the Steering Committee will preside at each meeting of the Steering Committee, make assignments of Steering Committee members to the permanent subcommittees, as well as establish temporary subcommittees and assigned personnel to them. The vice-chair will fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the chair in his or her absence.

The chair of each permanent or temporary subcommittee will be designated from the members in good standing of the Steering Committee by its chair, and will serve at the pleasure of the chair of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE VI. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will be responsible for oversight and coordination of all actions and decisions by the Working Group, and is solely responsible for formal actions in the name of the Working Group, including the release of reports, development of resolutions, issuance of position papers, and similar activities. The Steering Committee makes assignments to the subcommittees, coordinates their work, and takes action on their recommendations.

B. Subcommittees

The permanent subcommittees have the following responsibilities:

1. Risk Assessment - to identify, analyze, and monitor the hazards threatening Marion County and the vulnerabilities of the community to those hazards, as well as to assist in the definition of actions to mitigate the impacts of those hazards.
2. Mitigation Planning - to define structural and non-structural actions needed to decrease the human, economic and environmental impacts of disasters, and to prepare for consideration and action by the Steering Committee a strategy for implementation of those initiatives in both the pre- and post- disaster time frame.
3. Financial Issues - to define the general financial vulnerability of the community to the impacts of disasters, to assist with identification of initiatives to minimize that vulnerability; and seek funding sources for all priority mitigation initiatives identified in the mitigation strategy developed by the Working Group.
4. Public Information - to secure public input and comment on the efforts of the Working Group; to inform the public about the activities of the Working Group; to conduct public information and education programs regarding hazard mitigation; to assist with the conduct of public hearings; and, to promote public acceptance of the strategy developed by the Working Group.

The permanent subcommittees may be combined or further divided into small groups at the discretion of the chair of the Steering Committee, and their duties and responsibilities altered accordingly. The responsibilities of temporary subcommittees will be defined at the time they are established by the chair of the Steering Committee.

C. Program Staff

Technical, clerical and other types of support activities to the Steering Committee and subcommittees will be provided through the Marion County Growth Services Department and other county agencies as assigned. The Growth Services Department will also serve as the legal governmental representative of the Working Group, and is empowered under County statutes to accept and disburse funds, enter into contracts, hire staff, and take such other actions as

necessary in support of, or in the name of, the Working Group. Other jurisdictions and organizations may also provide such services on a voluntary basis upon request of the Growth Services Department and/or the chair of the Steering Committee.

A. Authority for Actions

Only the Steering Committee has the authority to take final actions in the name of the Working Group. Actions by subcommittees or program staff are not considered as final until affirmed by action of the Steering Committee.

B. Meetings, Voting and Quorum

Meetings of the Steering Committee and its subcommittees will be conducted in accord with Robert's Rules of Order, when deemed necessary by chair of the meeting. Regular meetings of the Steering Committee will be scheduled with a minimum of 10 working days notice. The scheduling of meetings of a subcommittee is at the discretion of its chair.

All final actions and decisions made in the name of the Working Group will be by affirmative vote of a quorum of the Steering Committee. A quorum shall be fifty percent of the members of the Steering Committee in good standing at the time of the vote. Each member of the Steering Committee will have one vote. Voting by proxy, written or otherwise, is not allowed.

In extenuating circumstances, based on limited time tables, and a quorum not being immediately available, the committee members in attendance may elect to vote to on an actionable item which shall constitute tentative approval or denial. This vote shall be observed as a legal vote to move actionable items forward, but shall also be addressed at the next available meeting where a quorum is present in order to fully illustrate the conditions on which any item was under action through special conditions.

C. Special Votes

Special votes may be taken under emergency situations or when there are other extenuating circumstances that are judged by both the chair and vice-chair of the Steering Committee to prohibit scheduling of a regular meeting of the Steering Committee. Special votes may be by telephone, email and/or first class mail, and shall be in accord with all applicable statutes for such actions.

D. Public Hearings

When required by statute or the policies of Marion County, or when deemed necessary by the Steering Committee a public hearing regarding actions under consideration for implementation by the Working Group will be held.

E. Documentation of Actions

All meetings and other forms of action by the Steering Committee and permanent subcommittees will be documented and made available for inspection by the public.

VIII. ADOPTION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Working Group may be adopted and/or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in good standing of the Steering Committee. All proposed changes to the bylaws will be provided fourteen (14) days prior to such a vote.

IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE WORKING GROUP

The Working Group maybe dissolved by affirmative vote of 100% of the members in good standing of the Steering Committee at the time of the vote, by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, and/or by instruction of the Marion County Board of Commissioners. At the time of dissolution, all remaining documents, records, equipment and supplies belonging to the Working Group will be transferred to the Marion County Office of Emergency Management for disposition.



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Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23572

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 1.2.

SUBJECT:
2026 Priority Project List

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

No new projects have been added to date. However, some projects have reached the five-year threshold to be removed from the list. Staff will discuss the changes that have occurred.

		MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST 2026								
APPLICATION YEAR										
2022	2022									
2023	2023									
2024	2024									
2025	2025									
2026	2026									
Initiating Jurisdiction and Agency	ID Number	Description/Title	Pop Impacted	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Timeframe for Completion	Potential Funding Source	Estimated Cost	Score	Rank	Priority
City of Ocala: Engineering	2023-01	Communication Tower Emergency Services	O/MC	A	<1 year	BRIC	\$500,000	32	1	1
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-01	Recycling Center Portable Generators	MC	H, S, F	2 Years	HMGP BRIC	\$190,224	30	2	2
Marion County: SECO Energy	2022-04	Power Line Resiliency	MC	H,S,F	2 Years	HMGP BRIC	\$4,651,000	25	3	3
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-07	Marion Oaks 5 - Water Treatment Backup Gen	MC	H,S,F	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$136,000	23	4	4
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-08	Oak Run 2 - Water Treatment Backup Gen	MC	H,S,F	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$146,000	23	4	5
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-09	Oak Trace- Water Treatment Backup Gen	MC	H,S,F	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$141,000	23	4	6
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-10	Majestic Oaks - Water Treatment Backup Gen	MC	H,S,F	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$141,000	23	4	7
Advent Health:	2025-01	Back_Up Generator	A	A	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$2,578,927	23	4	8
Marion County: Environmental Services	2023-02	Water Treatment Plant Portable Generators	MC	A	14 Months	HMGP BRIC	\$735,525	22	5	9
Clay Electric: Marion Distribution Infrastructure	2025-03	Infrastructure Hardening	MC	A	3 Years	HMGP	\$1,600,000	20	6	10
Clay Electric: Reconductor/Tie Lines/Pole Hardening	2025-06	Infrastructure Hardening	MC	A	3 Years	HMGP	\$3,300,000	20	6	11
Clay Electric: Duke Energy to Cara Substation Hardening	2025-04	Infrastructure Hardening	MC	A	3 Years	HMGP	\$1,200,000	19	7	12

Clay Electric: Cara Substation Hardening	2025-02	Infrastructure Hardening	MC	A	3 Years	HMGP	\$750,000	18	8	13
Clay Electric: Salt Springs Substation Hardening	2025-07	Infrastructure Hardening	MC	A	3 Years	HMGP	\$560,000	18	8	14
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-12	Rainbow Lakes Estates - Water Treatment Backup Gen	MC	H,S,F	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$141,000	17	9	15
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-11	Track and Card - Water Treatment Backup Gen	MC	H,S,F	<1 Year	HMGP BRIC	\$126,000	17	9	16
Clay Electric: Lynne Substation Hardening	2025-05	Infrastructure Hardening	MC	A	3 Years	HMGP	\$1,200,000	17	9	17
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-02	Lift Station Portable Generators	MC	H, S, F	19 Months	HMGP BRIC	\$699,488	14	10	18
Marion County: Environmental Services	2022-03	Water Station Portable Generators	MC	H, S, F	19 Months	HMGP BRIC	\$442,064	13	11	19

Pop Impacted: A = All , MC = Marion County, O = Ocala, B = Belleview, D = Dunnellon, M = McIntosh, R = Reddick

Hazards: A = All , H = Hurricane, T = Tornado, S = Storm, F = Flood

Marion County: Fire Services	2021-02	Fire Service Headquarters Back-Up Generator	MC	A	<1 year	HMGP BRIC	\$121,738	32	1	2
City of Belleview: Wastewater Plant Storm Shutters	2021-04	Security Improvements Water facilities	O	H,S,F	1 year	HMGP BRIC	\$30,000	27	3	4
City of Belleview: Lift Station Generators	2021-03	Emergency Generators	O	H,S,F	<1 year	HMGP BRIC	\$164,000	22	6	10
City of Ocala: Engineering/Water Resources	2021-01	DR 222 Flood Relief	O	H,S,F	1 year	FMA	\$3,000,000	19	8	14



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File No.: 2026-23573

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 1.3.

SUBJECT:

2026 Membership List Update

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Staff have made significant changes to the overall membership list and are looking for input from the Steering Committee members to review those changes.

2026 LMS Membership Roster

Updated 7/6/26				
WORKING GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE - VOTING MEMBERSHIP				
Marion County BCC				
Ken McCann	MC Fire Marshal	2631 SE 3 rd Street	352-291-8000	ken.mccann@marionfl.org
Nathan Wallace	Fire Prevention Supervisor	Ocala, FL 34471		nathan.wallace@marionfl.org
City of Belleview				
Shawna Chancey	Development Services Dir.	5343 S.E. Abshier Blvd.	352-233-2107	schancey@bellevuefl.org
Bob Titterington	Belleview Pub Wks Dir./ Eng.	Bellevue, FL 34420	352-233-2110	btitterington@bellevuefl.org
Lezli Merritt	Executive Assistant		352-233-2115	lmerritt@bellevuefl.org
City of Dunnellon				
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William Ary	Community Development Manager	Dunnellon, FL 34431	352-465-8500	wary@dunnellon.org
City of Ocala				
Sean Lanier, PE, CFM (Vice Chair)	City of Ocala, Public Works Department	1805 NE 30th Ave, Bld 600 Ocala, FL 34470	352-351-6763	SLanier@Ocalafl.org
Pat Feagle	Ocala Fire Rescue	3001 NE 21 Street, Ocala, FL 34470	352 629-8306	pfeagle@ocalafl.org
Marion County Sheriff/Emergency Management				
Erin Miller (Chair)	EM Assistant Director	P.O. Box 1987 Ocala, FL	352-369-8120	emiller@marionso.com
Preston Bowlin -(James)	EM Director	34478-1987	352-369-8185	jbowl@marionso.com
Marion County School Board				
John Barrattini	Crisis Response Coordinator	Ocala, FL 34474		John.Barattini@marion.k12.fl.us
Dennis McFatten	Director MCSB Police Dept.		c=352-454-9687 o=352-671-7274	dennis.mcfatten@marion.k12.fl.us
Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership (CEP)				
Jess Shultz	CEP, Bus Advocacy	310 SE 3rd Street	352-629-8051x105	jess@ocalacep.com
Kelli Holt (Alt)		Ocala, FL 34471	352-629-8051 x102	kellu@ocalacep.com
Ocala/Marion County Assoc. of Realtors				
Carla Lord	MCBOR President	3105 NE 14th Street	352-266-6181	carla@ocalahomesandfarmsrealty.com
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Non-Profit				
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Power Provider				
Gaylen Holloway	Duke Energy	4359 S.E. Maricamp Rd	352-783-2435	gaylen.holloway@duke-energy.com
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Health Care				
Alan Keesee	CEO HCA			
Wanda Bowlin	Advent Health	1500 SW 1st Ave Ocala, FL 34471	352-572-0953	wanda.bowlin@adventhealth.com
County Resident #1				
Marya Latson	Citizen	10411 SE 25th Avenue Ocala, FL 34480	352-245-7585	intrepidlawgirl@gmail.com
County Resident #2				
Jessica Gonzalez	Town of McIntosh Town Manager	P.O. Box 165 McIntosh, FL 32664	352-591-1047 352-525-0658 (cell)	jgonzalez@townofmcintosh.org
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Marion County Sheriff & Emergency Management				
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Town of Reddick				
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Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23577

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 2.1.

SUBJECT:
2025 Five-Year Report Update

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The Five-Year Plan update has been received by FDEM and FEMA. Marion County, the City of Ocala, the City of Belleview, and the City of Dunnellon have approved the new plan and have adopted resolutions to that effect. The Town of Reddick and the Town of McIntosh will be adopted this month. Staff will discuss these items.



FEMA

June 30, 2026

Ms. Laura Dhuwe
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Florida Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

Reference: Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy

Dear Ms. Dhuwe:

This is a follow-up to our previous correspondence of May 21, 2026, in which we approved the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy and all participating jurisdictions that originally submitted adoption resolutions. We have recently received and approved additional resolution(s) for inclusion in accordance with Program Administration by States (PAS) guidance. FEMA approval does not include the review or approval of content that exceeds the applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements.

Enclosed is the status of all participating jurisdictions. Approved jurisdictions are eligible applicants through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Please note that all funding requests will be evaluated individually according to the program's specific eligibility requirements.

If you or any plan participant need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Darlene Booker, of my staff, at (404) 434-9815.

Sincerely,

Kristen M. Martinenza, P.E.
Branch Chief, Risk Analysis Branch

Enclosure

Enclosure: Plan Participant Status List

Attached is the list of participating jurisdictions in the referenced hazard mitigation plan.

Community Name		Jurisdiction Status	Date Approved by FEMA
1)	Bellevue city	Approved	5/21/26
2)	Dunnellon city	Approved	5/21/26
3)	Marion County	Approved	6/30/26
4)	McIntosh town	APA	
5)	Ocala city	Approved	6/30/26
6)	Reddick town	APA	



Marion County

Local Mitigation Strategies

Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23579

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 3.1.

SUBJECT:

Steering Committee/Work Group Comments

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Review and discuss Steering Committee and Work Group comments to determine needed updates or decisions.



Marion County

Local Mitigation Strategies

Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23580

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 3.2.

SUBJECT:
Public Comments

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:
Take public comment.



Marion County

Local Mitigation Strategies

Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23581

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 4.1.

SUBJECT:

Next Scheduled Meeting - October 21, 2026

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The next quarterly LMS meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 10 AM.



Marion County

Local Mitigation Strategies

Agenda Item

File No.: 2026-23582

Agenda Date: 7/15/2026

Agenda No.: 5.1.

SUBJECT:

October 15, 2025, and April 15, 2026

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Minutes from previous Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee Meetings.

**MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

October 15, 2025

A public hearing of the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee was held on October 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Marion County Growth Services Training Room, 2710 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. Members present creating a quorum were: MCSO Emergency Management – Erin Miller, Marion County BCC (Fire) – Nathan Wallace, City of Belleview - Bob Titterington, City of Ocala – Pat Feagle, Advent Hospital – Wanda Bowlin, Marion County School Board – Dennis McFatten, Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) – Jess Shultz, City of Macintosh – Jessica Gonzalez, and Ocala Marion County Association of Realtors (OMCAR) – Darlene Younce.

Staff members present were: Growth Services Transportation Planner Kenneth Odom, Planner Sarah Wells, Planner Antony Alva, and Staff Assistant Rebecca Brinkley.

Erin Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted by Rebecca Brinkley that the meeting met the Sunshine Law requirements, and the Posting of Notice can be found on the Marion County Website.

1. ACTION ITEMS:

1.1 Five-Year Report Update

To continue to be an effective representation of the jurisdiction's overall strategy for reducing risk to natural hazards, the updated local mitigation plan must reflect current conditions and progress in mitigation efforts. The 5-year plan update is an opportunity to assess our previous goals and actions, evaluate progress in implementing the action plan, and adjust its actions to address current and potential situations. Staff have completed updating and compiling the DRAFT Five-Year Plan and will be discussing those items with the LMS Committee prior to transmittal to FDEM in Tallahassee.

Kenneth Odom opened the discussion regarding this item, and Sarah Wells provided an overview of the changes made in each chapter of the Five-Year Report.

LMS Committee Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language. Committee Members were asked to closely review and provide feedback on Chapters 6 and 7. Committee Member Jess Shultz discussed the challenges the City of Macintosh faces regarding flooding. Mr. Odom asked her to provide the details of the incidents to facilitate a repetitive loss report to FDEM. Mr. Odom reminded Committee Members that a draft of the Five-Year Plan is due to the state in approximately two weeks.

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3. COMMENTS:

3.1 Steering Committee/Work Group Comments

3.2 Public Comments: There was no one in the audience to bring forward any public comments, and the chair closed the public portion of the hearing.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

Next scheduled quarterly meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Growth Service Building – Training Room

5. MINUTES:

LMS Committee Member Pat Feagle made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 1, 2023, February 21, 2024, July 12, 2024, October 16, 2024, and June 25, 2025, meetings. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bob Titterington. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Attest:

Erin Miller, Chair

Date

Rebecca Brinkley, Staff Assistant

**MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES
April 15, 2026**

A public hearing of the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee was held on April 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marion County Growth Services Training Room, 2710 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Autumn Williams called the roll and confirmed a quorum. Members present creating a quorum were: MCSO Emergency Management – Preston Bowlin, Marion County BCC (Fire) – Ken McCann, City of Belleview - Bob Titterington (arrived immediately after roll call at 10:09 AM), City of Dunnellon – William Ary, City of Ocala – Pat Feagle, Marion County School Board – John Barattini, Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) – Jess Shultz, Salvation Army Corps Officer – Major Jason Smith, and Ocala Marion County Association of Realtors (OMCAR) – Darlene Younce.

Staff members present were: Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin, Transportation Planner Kenneth Odom, Planner Sarah Wells, GIS Analyst Antony Alva, and Administrative Manager Autumn Williams.

LMS Committee Member Ken McCann made a motion to elect Preston Bowlin as Chair Pro Tem to preside over today's meeting in the absence of the board's elected Chair and Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Pat Feagle. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Preston Bowlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted by Autumn Williams that the meeting met the Sunshine Law requirements, and the Posting of Notice can be found on the Marion County Website.

1. ACTION ITEMS:

1.1 Election of New Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Kenneth Odom opened the discussion regarding this item. LMS Committee Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding this item. The board decided to table this item until the next LMS meeting, July 15, 2026, to elect new chairman and Vice-chairman until the currently elected chair and vice-chair are present to be part of the discussion. The board also requested and agreed that a copy of the by-laws and outline of responsibilities of the chair and vice-chair be provided to the entire board before the next meeting for their review.

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LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2.1 Five-Year Report Update

Kenneth Odom opened the discussion regarding this item and explains to continue to be an effective representation of the jurisdiction's overall strategy for reducing risk to natural hazards, the updated local mitigation plan must reflect current conditions and progress in mitigation efforts. The 5-year plan update is an opportunity to assess our previous goals and actions, evaluate progress in implementing the action plan, and adjust its actions to address current and potential situations. Staff has nearly completed updating and compiling the Daft Five-Year Plan following the comments we received back and will be ready for re-transmittal to FDEM in Tallahassee by the end of this week.

LMS Committee Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language. Mr. Odom reminded Committee Members that a draft of the Five-Year Plan is due to the state this month.

3. COMMENTS:

3.1 Steering Committee/Work Group Comments: Board Member Ken McCann outlines the grant writing process, associated costs, and the steps leading to the completion of the project to install the generator at the fire rescue headquarters.

3.2 Public Comments: There was no one in the audience to bring forward any public comments, and the chair closed the public portion of the hearing.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Next scheduled quarterly meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Growth Service Building – Training Room

4.2 The Board requested that a calendar invite for the remaining meetings this year be sent to all members to ensure the dates are clearly noted on their calendars. Ken Odom stated that Growth Services staff will arrange this as soon as possible.

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- 4.3** Member Preston Bowlin opened the discussion regarding the member roster and emphasized the importance of maintaining an accurate and up-to-date roster. He requested that the current roster be reviewed and corrected by staff to accurately reflect the existing LMS membership and to clarify who the voting members of the LMS Board are. He also asked that each organization designate both a primary and a backup representative and provide this information to the LMS Liaison as soon as possible for proper recordkeeping. He further noted that having a backup representative helps ensure a quorum and guarantees organizational representation when the primary member is unavailable.
- 4.4** Board Member Preston Bowlin initiated round-table introductions to welcome and familiarize the group with the new members attending today's meeting. Kenneth Odom then provides a brief overview of LMS, including its purpose as well as several grants and projects the Working Group is currently involved in and hoping to further pursue in the near future. Board Member Preston Bowlin requests that staff provide each board member with a list of all projects, ongoing and upcoming, so the board can determine the appropriate ranking order to make a formal priority list to be provided to the Tallahassee representative.
- 4.5** Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin explains that Marionfl.org includes an LMS webpage located under the Growth Services section, which provides several useful links regarding the LMS. Kenneth Odom adds further detail regarding recent updates to the webpage, what users can expect from it, and the resources it will offer. The updates are expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

5. MINUTES:

- 5.1 October 15, 2025, Minutes:** The board decided to table this item until the next LMS meeting on July 15, 2026.

ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Attest:

Preston Bowlin, Chair Pro Tem

Date

Autumn Williams, Administrative Manager