



Stormwater Mitigation and Flooding Subcommittee Meeting Minutes June 13, 2025

Volusia County Emergency Operations Center, 3825 Tiger Bay Rd., Daytona Beach

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 A.M.

Those attending included the following Roundtable Subcommittee members: Jake Johansson, At-Large, Volusia County; Nancy Miller, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores; Stacy Cantu, Commissioner, Daytona Beach; Santiago Avila, Jr., Mayor, Deltona; Diezel DePew, Mayor, Edgewater; John Penny, Mayor, Holly Hill; Lyn Donato, Commissioner, Lake Helen; Jason Leslie, Mayor, Ormond Beach; Lori Tolland, Commissioner, Ormond Beach; Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Ponce Inlet; Andrew Holmes, City Manager, Daytona Beach; Carmen Rosamonda, City Manager, DeBary; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, Ormond Beach; Shawn Finley, Assistant City Manager, Ormond Beach; Robin Fenwick, Assistant City Manager, Port Orange; Junos Reed, City Engineer, Port Orange; Adam Thronton, Director, South Daytona Public Works and Parks; Mark Smith, Superintendent of Operations, South Daytona Public Works; Ben Bartlett, Director, Volusia County Public Works; Chris Ryan, Assistant County Attorney, Volusia County.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Nancy Miller, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores, and Jake Johansson, At-Large, Volusia County, opened with introductions of new members, a prior meeting review, and an agenda overview.

STORMWATER DATA CALL UPDATE

Ben Bartlett, Director, Volusia County Public Works, provided an update on the requested data call, GIS map, studies, etc. **Bartlett** is still retrieving data. He stated that he will be in contact with all municipalities to inform staff of required information and to collect data. The Volusia County Flooding and Stormwater Management webpage was highlighted, and a brief overview was presented.

Bartlett stated Public Works is actively researching and collaborating with partners to find solutions.

Members discussed the importance of collaboration, community outreach, and funding of data retrieval and map creation.

TRANSFORM386

Dona Butler, Director, Office of Recovery and Resiliency/Transform386, reviewed disaster recovery funding associated with recovery efforts after Hurricanes Ian and Milton. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$133.5 million to Volusia County in January 2025 for Hurricane Milton recovery. **Butler** discussed the timeframe of funding availability, funding allocation, eligibility, and process. Clarification was given regarding the difference between Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding.

Butler stressed the importance of project requests from cities, adding that a consultant is being brought in to assist cities with the application process.

Members discussed funding amounts, alternate funding sources, and policy, adding that meetings will be scheduled for municipalities and the public.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Clint Mecham, Director, Volusia County Emergency Management, started with a 2024 season recap. The 2025 hurricane season predictions were discussed, including shifts in weather patterns. **Mecham** discussed preparations, including shelter changes. Members were encouraged to partner with healthcare facilities to support special needs shelters with volunteer staffing. **Mecham** introduced CrisisTrack, a new damage assessment partnership coordination program.

Ben Bartlett, Director, Volusia County Public Works, added federal emergency declarations are not made quickly. Damage assessments should be completed accurately and quickly for the state to report to the federal administration for a declaration to be made. **Mecham** added that after smaller storm events, the state requires damage assessment submissions before making a declaration.

Members discussed confirming sandbag locations throughout the county and collaborating to ensure residents have accurate information. **Mecham** added that the county would like to work with municipalities for each sandbag site to be open for all Volusia County residents. The county has met with three cities to discuss joint messaging, shared resources, improvements, successes, etc.

Clint Mecham, Director, Volusia County Emergency Management, discussed pre- and post-storm assistance, introducing the Volusia Ready Response Corps and the development of Mission Ready Packages (MRP). MRP funding may come from local or state sources. **Mecham** listed upcoming training, including Emergency Support Function, Citizens Information Center, and hurricane exercise.

Members discussed the importance of having a qualified liaison at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergency events. **Mecham** added that FEMA, FDOT, and St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) representatives are stationed at the EOC during emergencies.

Clint Mecham, Director, Volusia County Emergency Management, shared updates on bridge closure procedures and state agency structural changes and called for consistent messaging and mutual aid during disaster response.

ACTION ITEMS

Ben Bartlett, Director, Volusia County Public Works, encouraged municipalities to seek multiple funding sources for stormwater projects. He added that project timelines and funding eligibility vary and require planning.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Jake Johansson, At-Large, Volusia County Council, reiterated the importance of city participation for the GIS mapping project and Transform386 and encouraged transparency and engagement.

Members discussed municipality outreach and planning, stormwater fees, public support, and maintenance challenges.

NEXT MEETING

Jake Johansson, At-Large, Volusia County Council stated information regarding the next scheduled meeting will be distributed at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.