

Cass County Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting

September 4, 2013, 1:15 PM

Public Safety Building, 4630 15 Avenue N, Fargo, ND

	Anderson, Kay	Benson, Jason	Boerboom, Nathan	Durand, Hall	Lysne, Kurt	Masten, Daryl	Murphy, Doug	Reitan, Mike	Rogness, Dave	Schaan, Amber	Schlafmann, Leon	Scribner, Brady	Solberg, Tim	Walker, April
Present	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent		X	X			X								

Guests: Wayne Lorshbough, City of Fargo GIS

Meeting called to order.

Review from previous meeting

Schaan followed up with committee members on tasks assigned at the last meeting:

- Walker recommended to use the 34,700 cubic foot per second H&H model for HAZUS, but would still like to clarify some conflicting information on the use of this number from FEMA.
- Walker said Boerboom has an upcoming meeting where the critical facilities list will be discussed. He will contact Amber with the results.
- Anderson located the GIS data for West Fargo and has sent it to Houston Engineering.

Discuss Hazard Probability and Magnitude

Schaan said she has been advised to use a chart outlining hazard probability and magnitude such as the one on the meeting agenda. Walker suggested the category of “Flood” be broken up between the flood stages as each flood stage has a different magnitude.

Revisit Goals and Objectives

Schaan said she has updated the goals and objectives to reflect the changes discussed at the last meeting. The group reviewed the updates.

Solberg said as many small communities do not have any building codes the goal of encouraging the adoption of Fargo building codes should be changed to educating about building codes or adopting building codes in general.

Lysne said an objective under Goal 5 read “burying power lines or trimming trees” as opposed to “burying power lines and trimming trees”.

Mitigation Projects (Actions)

Schaan said she needs to compile a list of mitigation projects for the county. For this purpose she has created a simple form to be filled out. Specific benefit dollar amounts do not need to be included, nor do specific addresses or neighborhoods – an explanation of benefits and mitigating actions is enough. Schaan will send the form to the small cities and speak with the engineering firms that the cities contract with.

Solberg said a project wish list was created with input from the small cities and water resource districts and submitted to the county when the flood sales tax was instated. All of the projects

are flood specific, but it is a good resource. Durand will speak with Benson about getting the list to Schaan.

Walker said slide failure should be identified as a hazard in the plan as Fargo, West Fargo, and Cass County have all dealt with these issues in the past.

Action Plan – How will actions be prioritized?

Schaan said jurisdictions need to prioritize the action plan and she asked for input on how the group will accomplish this.

Rogness said the group can spend 30 minutes coming to a consensus on the prioritization of the actions. The previous version of the plan placed a greater priority on high cost items and education was a lower priority. Schaan said the actions can be prioritized the same as for the last plan with a summary on why and how the actions have been prioritized.

Method and schedule for keeping the plan current (during next 5 years)

Schaan said a method needs to be identified to keep the plan current until the next expiration date in five years. Rogness said the committee can meet once a year to go over the plan. Plan updates are allowed to be submitted during this time.

Involving Stakeholders

Schaan said there was not a great response to the online stakeholder survey and an attempt should be made to get more stakeholder involvement. Rogness said sending stakeholders a copy of the goals and objectives and asking for feedback is a good idea. Walker said a press release about the goals and objectives might also garner some feedback. Anderson said if the goals and objectives are posted on the County website it can be tracked how many times the webpage is viewed.

Schaan said she will bring Cass County's plan to a training she will attend in two weeks and look for more input on this matter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2, at 1:15 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED