

# MINUTES

## *Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting*

**Date of Meeting** – May 30, 2018

**Attendees** – See Sign-in Sheet (attached)

**Introductions** – Jake Gray, KHMT Chairperson opened the meeting with introductions. Attendees introduced themselves around the meeting room.

### **KDA / DWR Updates –**

Steve provided an update on the floodplain mapping project. Steve also provided an update on the Hill City flood activities that took place.

- Kansas Floodplain Mapping Projects were distributed. Changes: Salina went to preliminary to final. Montgomery Co. will be the next one to get a map. Updates are being solicited from many of the localities. Even if a new map isn't available, the data is available for use.
- Over the weekend there was a flooding event in Hill City. A mobile home park reported 3 ft. of water in homes and a bridge deck was destroyed.

FEMA presented Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves poster to be used to promote the program

### **Mitigation Presentation –**

Dr. Ward Lyles, KU presented

- Communities are not addressing the problem of planning WHERE their communities are located.
- Recovery and Mitigation phase of disaster planning/response is lagging, due to human nature, lack of support, etc.
- Dr. Ward provided information relating to communities that need to make changes relating to activities that keep happening in the same location. Discussion related to Communities that are making small changes but not making large changes to make a difference in the same location.
- Dr. Ward explained the impact that disasters have on people and the difference impact it has depending on the resources of the people effected by the disaster.

### **USACE Silver Jackets –**

Ken Wade presented in place of Lead Silver Jackets Coordinator Brian Rast.

- Silver Jackets Proposals for FY19
  - 4 projects have been submitted.
  - Nonstructural assessment for Rossville.
  - Levee related proposals on risk management options for
    - Abilene
    - Hutchinson
    - Ottawa
- High Water Sign Project.

- 21 applicants and two signs delivered, to date
  - Lawrence sign has been mounted and a photo provided, which end up in news splash that Steve Samuelson provided to ASFPM
  - Marion sign is ready for mounting by July 4 and possibly involving Congressman Dr. Roger Marshall, 1st Congressional District
- Strong City is being made
- Developing Ft Scott and Silver Lake currently
- Looking for applications from Florence, Rossville, and Manhattan or Riley County
- How do you keep an event in the minds of the public? Historical data is provided for communities throughout the state.
- Repetitive Loss Project: Reaching out to communities to make sure their records are updated.
- Recurring Flood Project: Assisting with information. The USACE sign shop being used for the High Water Signs will create NWS Turn Around Don't Drown signs for this project. KDA DWR will establish a brief list of the top 10 cities to USACE by end of June. Each road location gets two signs (warning traffic in each direction).

### **Hazard Mitigation Project Updates –**

Jake Gray provided this update.

- **HMGP**
  - **DR-4319**
  - **DR-4347**
- **PDM/FMA Funding Possibilities FY18**

Comments were made pushing new projects. This program could almost double, \$249-250 million, FMA usually around \$150 million

- **FMAG Fire Management**
  - \$400,000 for each FMAG, 7, right at under \$3 million to mitigate wildfires in KS. Has to be utilized in the county affected, and can be used for all types, and has to be used within 6 months. Kansas Forest Service is reaching out to constituency. Will be a 75/25 match. Kansas Forest Service meeting 9 counties will be contacted
  - KS Grazing Lands Coalition and Prescribed Burn Association are meeting. Next step will be to get the western part of the state to use fire to control salt cedar issues and to reduce field fuel loads. PBA goes out to landowners and try to encourage the removal of the red cedars. Going through Anderson Creek and Starbuck areas and removing cedar carcasses and trying to get things back to their natural state. FEMA cannot use prescribed fire as a mitigation tool. Flint Hills land owners use fire to improve grazing.

### **New and Unfinished Business –**

Tom Morey has moved on to a new job. Nomination of Chairman: Steve Samuelson will serve as Chair.

### **Presentations / Training For Next Meeting –**

Next meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>. Then, December 11<sup>th</sup>.