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Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting

Date of Meeting – September 18, 2018

Attendees – See Sign-in Sheet (attached)

Introductions – Steve Samuelson, KDA Division of Water Resources, opened the meeting with introductions. Attendees introduced themselves around the meeting room.

KDA / DWR Updates –

Steve provided an update on the floodplain mapping project. He described the following recent disasters and emergency response:

- Flooding in six counties including cities of Pratt, Independence, and Manhattan.
- Tornado in Eureka, KS

Mitigation Presentation –

Tim Hrenshir of the Topeka Capital Journal presented on the June 8, 1966 tornado.

USACE Silver Jackets –

Brian Rast presented status on the current and future interagency nonstructural projects.

- Current projects
 - High Water Signs. We have about 23 sign locations and expect a few more applications, which we will accept up to October 2.
 - Completed and delivered: Lawrence, Marion, Natoma, Strong City, Topeka, Ottawa, and Wamego.
 - Draft sent under review: Hays, Ft. Scott Visitors Center, Ft. Scott Riverfront, Ft. Scott South Loop, Ft. Scott Skubitz Plaza, Florence
 - In-progress: Silver Lake, Parsons, Arkansas City Walnut, Arkansas City Chestnut, Coffeyville, Edwardsville, Washington, Junction City
 - Awaiting start: South Topeka, Riley County, Florence 2
 - Repetitive Loss Update. The team, lead by Ken Wade, USACE, and Tara Lanzrath, KDA DWR, has completed the review of database. Several locations were needing updating.
 - Recurring Flood ID. USACE has created multiple NWS Turn Around Don't Drown signs for this project. The signs are offered as an incentive to Kansas communities to enter data into the KDA DWR web tool database of known flood hazard locations.
 - Levee Safety projects. The Manhattan Levee tabletop exercise, similar to Salina's, was scheduled for October 27th, but the city has postponed that due to the recent flood disaster. The exercise will include elements related to risk communication for future enhancements to their emergency action plan regarding evacuations.
 - Florence Nonstructural Assessment. The project will wrap up this month with a report about the risk management options for the city and property owners behind the levee.

Over 260 buildings were evaluated for flood risk management measures. The team meets on Thursday of this week to discuss the findings.

- Silver Jackets proposals accepted for FY19
 - Nonstructural assessment for Rossville. This project will provide nonstructural assessment and public involvement assistance to the city. A meeting will be scheduled for middle of October.
 - Risk management options for communities with levees
 - Ottawa. This is a project aimed at raising awareness of the additional flood solutions available to communities with major levees. The project will include some assessments of the floodplains and offer a tabletop and workshop on emergency action plans, evacuation planning, and other helpful measures.
 - Abilene. This is another project, similar to the Ottawa one, which will start in the second half of the year.
 - Hutchinson. Again, another one similar to Ottawa.

Hazard Mitigation Project Updates –

Jake Gray provided this update.

- **HMGP**
 - **DR-4319.** Money has been spent.
 - **DR-4347.** Open buyouts 90 day extension

- **PDM/FMA Funding Possibilities FY18**

\$575,000. The rest of the money is competitive. All FY17 last year funded.

Discussion on HUD's Community Development Block Grants as possibility for Manhattan. HUD notes this is a last resort priority. Steve noted in 2007 a portion was used.

- **FMAG**
 - **Wildfire**

Clark County studies of benefits, 2016, that was a large fuel reduction project.

Rice County training needs, fire community maintenance of areas.

Reno County for fire station, fuel reduction projects for removal of fuel in areas, and application for a generator.

Structures that will be protected by using the project. January deadline, Steve asked for vote by hands to give authority to take action for moving ahead. Show of hands showed consensus agreeing with the motion.

Planning Update

Jake discussed the state plan information. Not much changed, since last meeting. GIS department did the hazards analysis, HAZUS. Discussed the state plan. Plan will not expire until December 11th. Huge document.

New and Unfinished Business –

None.

Presentations / Training For Next Meeting –

Next meeting will be December 11, 2018, followed by the March 5th 2019, and then June 11, and September 17, 2019 will take place. All meeting will be in the same location at the Kansas History Museum.

The topic for the December meeting will discuss rapid flood mapping for Manhattan.

Kansas Wildfire Messages for the Year will be covered in the January program.

March 5th meeting will cover Fire Management training by Jake Gray.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.