

**Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation  
Plan Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2008**

<b>TASK FORCE MEMBERS</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>April</b>
SSCRPC – Mike Galco, Chair	X	X	X	X	X
Auburn – Mike White	X	X	X	X	X
Auburn – Chris Bridges			X		X
Buffalo – Charles Thaxton	X	X	X	X	X
Cantrall – Brian Oliver	X				
Cantrall – Jerry Olson				X	X
Chatham – Patrick McCarthy			X	X	X
Curran – Chris McDaniel	X	X	X	X	
Curran – Brian Markley				X	
Dawson – Jamie Sponsler	X	X	X		X
Dawson – Nancy Prytherch	X	X	X		
Divernon – John Caudle		X		X	X
Grandview – Colleen Dallouis	X				
Illioopolis – Rayeana Stacey	X				
Illioopolis – Josh Hilbert			X	X	
Jerome – Greg Hashman	X	X	X	X	X
New Berlin – Terry Nydegger	X	X	X	X	
Pawnee – Cecil Mathews			X		X
Pawnee – Kenton Manning				X	X
Pawnee – Greg DeBrun				X	
Pleasant Plains – Kevin Kesselring	X	X		X	
Pleasant Plains – Robert Meringer					X
Riverton – Rich Pottier	X	X	X	X	X
Riverton – Linda Viola			X		
Rochester – Derrick Pehlman	X	X	X	X	X
Sherman – Jay Timm		X	X		X
Sherman – Mike Moos			X	X	
Southern View – Hilda Mangiaracina	X	X		X	X
Southern View – Louise Seaver			X	X	
Southern View – Nora Petrosky					X
Springfield – Al Pinter	X	X	X	X	X
Thayer – Brian Wood			X	X	X
Williamsville – Paul Osman	X	X	X		
Sangamon County – Linda Fulgenzi	X		X		
Sangamon County – Charlie Stratton					X
Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport – Tim Franke		X		X	
Ameren – Craig Gilson		X			
American Red Cross – Amy Eden	X				X
American Red Cross – Colleen Stone		X	X		
CMS – Diane Hoots	X	X	X	X	X
CWLP Water Division – Ted Meckes			X		
IL Emergency Mgmt. Agency – Ron Davis	X		X	X	
Mid IL Medical District Commission – Michael Boer		X			X
Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative – Louis DeLaby		X	X	X	X
Sang. Co. Dept. of Agriculture – Steve Chard	X			X	X
Sang. Co. Dept. of Public Health – James Henricks	X		X	X	X
Sang. Co. Dept. of Zoning and Bldg. Safety – Mike	X	X		X	X

Ashenfelter					
Sang. Co. Farm Bureau – Craig Hall	X				
Sang. Co. GIS Dept. – Tracy Garrison		X	X		
Sang. Co. Highway Dept. – Brian Davis	X	X	X		
Sang. Co. Office of Emergency Mgmt. – David Butt		X	X	X	X
Secretary of State – Michael Grimm			X		
SMTD – Linda Tisdale			X		
Spfld. Building & Zoning Dept. – Suzann Weissberg	X	X	X	X	X
Spfld. Homebuilders Association – Steve Sturm	X	X	X	X	X
Springfield Park District – Chuck Smith	X		X	X	X
Spfld. School Dist. #186 – Dave Smith	X				
Spfld. Metro Sanitary District – Bob Leinweber	X		X	X	X
UIS – Don Mitchell	X	X	X		X
Jeff Ehrlich – Citizen Member	X		X	X	
Greg Michaud – Citizen Member	X	X	X	X	X
Carolyn Patterson – Citizen Member	X				
<b>STAFF:</b>					
Linda Wheeland	X	X	X	X	X
Abby Johnson	X	X	X	X	X
Susan Poludniak			X	X	
Norm Sims			X		
Dale Schultz			X	X	
Joe Zeibert			X	X	
<b>OTHERS:</b>					
Steve Gudgel – Village of Pawnee			X		
Jerald Jacobs				X	
David Leggans – Village of New Berlin				X	
Frank Maras – Village of Rochester			X		
Jared Owen – IEMA			X	X	
Val Ross – Small Business Administration			X		
Joel Sander – Village of New Berlin			X		
Tom Shafer				X	
Steve Sullivan		X	X	X	X
Sheila Sullivan		X	X	X	X
Rose Burger	X				
Rey Evry					X

**Call to order:**

Chairman Mike Galco called the fifth meeting of the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force to order.

**Approval of minutes:**

Galco entertained a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Kenton Manning made a motion to approve the February minutes. Don Mitchell seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Updates:**

Linda Wheeland announced that the Village of Grandview has failed to meet the requirements established by the Task Force for being a participating community and would no longer be part of the plan.

**Report of Project Prioritization Committee:**

David Butt announced that at the end of the February meeting, several members of this task force volunteered to meet and discuss project prioritization within the plan. The group reviewed examples of prioritization methods from the State of Illinois Plan and the Winnebago County Plan.

The group also recognized that some projects would be easy to implement within existing budgets and staff time and the committee saw these as “just do it” projects. This category, also known as category J, are projects that can “just be done” without requiring outside funding and are able to be implemented within one year of Plan adoption. These can be one-time projects or ongoing projects and may address any hazard. Butt went on to explain Priority A, Priority B and Priority C. The method agreed upon follows. Priority A consists of projects that permanently eliminate property damages and/or eliminate or reduce injuries and deaths in a specific area OR have a high probability to systematically reduce property damages, injuries and deaths across a wide area. Priority A consists of projects that address the most significant natural hazards – extreme heat, flood, severe storm, tornado, and winter storm. Priority B consists of projects that reduce property damages in a specific area OR have the potential to reduce property damages, injuries and deaths across a wide area OR educate the public on disaster preparedness and mitigation. Priority B projects address the most significant natural hazards – extreme heat, flood, severe storm, tornado, and winter storm. Priority C consists of projects that eliminate or reduce property damages, injuries and deaths from the less significant natural hazards OR educate the public on disaster preparedness and mitigation related to the less significant natural hazards – dam failure, drought, earthquake and mine subsidence.

Galco noted that the project prioritization committee meeting was attended by David Butt, Ron Davis, Steve Sturm and Linda Wheeland. Galco asked for comments and discussion on the material presented. There were no comments. Galco entertained a motion to approve the project prioritization method presented by Butt. Greg Hashman made a motion for approval. Don Mitchell seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

### **Mitigation Projects:**

Wheeland announced that the community representatives were given the assignment at the February meeting to go back to their board or city councils to generate a list of projects for their communities and to submit these to the Planning Commission prior to this April meeting. She noted that project lists had yet to be submitted from Dawson, Divernon, Illiopolis, Riverton, Sherman, Thayer and Williamsville. Galco asked if there were representatives present from the communities that have not submitted a project list to Wheeland, and if those in attendance anticipated submitting a project list. Representatives from Sherman, Thayer and Divernon announced that project lists would be submitted as soon as possible. Wheeland stressed that it is crucial to have these lists to her by next week. Representatives from Dawson and Riverton submitted lists at the meeting. Representatives from Illiopolis and Williamsville were not present.

Wheeland noted that there seemed to be questions regarding eligibility for grant money from FEMA for certain projects. Ron Davis gave a presentation about the Natural Hazards Mitigation Grant Program at the February meeting. Rusty from Davis’ office was in attendance and if anyone had any questions regarding eligibility for FEMA grant money, he would answer any questions about specific projects and their eligibility. Patrick McCarthy, a community representative from Chatham, asked if funds would be available for an electrical GIS system, as it seemed to play a crucial role for the City of Springfield during the tornadoes of March 2006. Rusty explained that the funds that would potentially be available for a project like that would come from a very small pot and the likelihood of receiving those funds is very minimal. Wheeland asked Rusty if this project should be included in the plan or not. He didn’t see why it shouldn’t be included and was not aware of any drawbacks. Galco asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

### **Plan Maintenance:**

Wheeland announced that plan maintenance is the final item that is required by FEMA. The plan maintenance requires a report to be done to evaluate the progress of implementing the plan on a yearly basis and a plan update every five years. Wheeland noted that a working group consisting of representatives from each community would be a good idea in order to keep each community engaged in the plan. She welcomed anyone else on the task force to participate as well. Galco asked

how often Wheeland envisioned this group meeting. She noted that community working groups in other counties have met more than once a year, but FEMA requires this working group must meet at least once a year. Every year, a report on project implementation and the progress of each community will need to be submitted to village boards, city councils, the County Board and FEMA. Every fifth year, an update to the plan such as projects to be added or taken off, additional work done on risk assessment and updates on critical facilities needs to be completed. The Regional Planning Commission could provide some support such as maintaining a website and providing guidance but would not facilitate the group work. Wheeland opened this up for discussion. David Butt expressed that the Regional Planning Commission should be involved in this working group as more than just a facilitator, but as a full participant. Wheeland explained that this is not something that can be done and the Regional Planning Commission staff could only serve as support at this time.

Galco asked the task force if any entity had the resources to serve as Chair of the plan maintenance working group. He expressed to the group that this would take time to collect minutes and prepare a report every year, with an update every fifth year. Patrick McCarthy asked if the Regional Planning Commission would be updating the plan during the fifth year. Wheeland said no. Derrick Pehlman from Rochester announced he would act as chair for this working. Brian Wood from Thayer volunteered to Vice-chair. Steve Sturm and Louis DeLaby volunteered to participate in the working group. David Butt volunteered to act as Secretary for this group.

Wheeland noted the first report has to be completed a year from when the first community adopts the plan. Wheeland asked Pehlman and Wood when would be a good time to have the first meeting. Pehlman noted he wanted to see what needed to be submitted first. Wheeland also noted that public participation would be an important part of the plan maintenance process. Galco asked for any other comments and there were none.

**Draft Plan/Public Hearing:**

Wheeland announced that she has planned to complete the draft plan by mid-May so that it will be available for the communities and the public to review. There will be a public hearing in June and that is when final public comment will be encouraged. The draft plan will be sent to every task force member and will also be put on the website. Wheeland noted that it is crucial for projects to be submitted to her in order to complete the draft plan.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

Galco entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick McCarthy made a motion to adjourn. Greg Hashman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abby Johnson