

## Post Storm Communications Workshop Minutes

Florida Mosquito Control District  
Marathon Office  
503 107<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marathon, FL 33050

May 21, 2019 2:00 pm (approximate)

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Workshop on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

**Present Were:** Phillip Goodman, Chairman; Dr. Stan Zuba, Vice-Chair, Brandon Pinder, Secretary/Treasurer; Tom McDonald, Commissioner; Jill Cranney-Gage, Commissioner; Andrea Leal, Executive Director; Dirk Smits, Board Attorney.

**Employees Present:** Mikki Coss, Director of Operations; Bruce Holden, Financial Director; Beth Ranson, PEIO; Chrissy Bloxom, Executive Assistant.

**Invited Guest Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney-Gage, seconded by Commissioner Zuba and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

Chairman Goodman stated that this workshop has been called to discuss the Post Storm Communications Program recommended by staff.

### **Discussion:**

- Executive Director Andrea Leal explained that the backup material in the book was the Hurricane Preparedness Plan approved by the Board in 2018.
- Director Leal stated that the District does not have any Tier 1 personnel. The District's Tier 2 personnel would be required to return to work within a day or two after the storm.
- The county has assigned 35 placards to the District for Tier 2 personnel and any other needed personnel to re-enter. The placards for re-entry will change from year to year.
- Director Leal discussed the previous issues in communication and that only one point of contact will be the Public Information & Education Officer, who will remain outside of the county.
- The communication plan includes six (6) upgraded Satellite Phones and Spidertracks in the aircraft that will include texting capabilities.
- Director Leal stated that the District has signed a Memoranda of Understanding with the Sheriff's Dept. The MOU will allow the District's personnel to communicate with other government agencies through radios. The MCSO Emergency Communications Division will maintain that radio frequency.
- Director Leal stated that the testing will continue for "hotspot hubs" and that six (6) satellite phones will be purchased. An 800 number will be set up by June 1<sup>st</sup> to get information out to all of the FKMCD personnel.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the workshop was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Andrea Leal*  
*Executive Director*

*Board of Commissioners*  
*Florida Keys Mosquito Control District*

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*Phillip L. Goodman, Chairman*

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*Brandon Pinder, Secretary-Treasurer*  
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