

Chapter 12: Proposed Action Items

The proposed mitigation projects listed in Table 12.1 have been discussed with the Fremont County Association of Governments, Fremont County Commissioners and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Items used to select and prioritize the projects are contained in the following items.

- Projects may be cost effective
- Projects must be feasible and practical
- Project must be environmentally sound
- Projects must contribute to a long-term solution
- Projects measurers that will have a severe detrimental impact on the applicant, such as potential loss of life, loss of essential services, damage to critical facilities or economic hardship on the community

Requests for Input on Mitigation Projects

A letter regarding the updating of the Fremont County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was mailed to all participating agencies as of January 20, 2011 with a request to forward any mitigation plans to the Fremont County Emergency Management Agency.

Public Notices were placed with local media to inform Fremont County citizens that updating of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was in progress and contact information for Fremont County Emergency Management Agency was in the publication. (Copies of Affidavits of Publication on file with Fremont County Emergency Management Agency.)

Request to Departments in Government

The following request was sent to local government agencies:

"Time has come for your input on the Fremont County/Municipal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. I spoke to you, and sent you a copy of the plan last fall. However, you may access the plan at the following link: (<http://fremontcountywy.org/emergency-management-agency/fremont-county-municipal-multi-hazard-mitigation-action-plan/>). If you have reviewed the plan and have comments/suggestions/changes (if you have mitigation projects in the works, this should be included) please forward them, in writing, to fcema@wyoming.com, or mail to 322 N. 8th West, Riverton, WY., 82501. I will be requesting a meeting with all of you and will contact you for a convenient date. **The deadline for your input is February 15, 2011.**"

Radio (local Riverton station)

The Fremont County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator was interviewed on a local radio station's talk show, Chit Chat, on March 3, 2011. Questions were answered over the air on the current updating of the Fremont County Mitigation Plan and the progress of the update. The web site of www.fremontcountywy.org was promoted and discussed where Fremont County citizens could obtain information on the current plan as well as the development of the updated plan. Requests for input were asked to be submitted in written form through the e-mail address of fcema@wyoming.com. By having the input in writing this also gives the office a method to track any contributions to the document or update.

Only two responses were received by this Agency; both from representatives of the Popo Agie Conservation District. This information is incorporated in Chapter 6, Flood, and Annexes D and E.

No current mitigation plans or projects were presented from any agency in the municipalities or county government. Following this input from Fremont County we cannot present a project for each jurisdiction if the jurisdiction has not given us a concept of a project for the plan. Letters and requests for participation in the revision of the Plan were sent to the elected officials of Lander, Hudson, Riverton, Dubois and Shoshoni. These same jurisdictions were also requested to submit their local mitigation plans and projects. As of October 2011 there was no direct participation in the revision of the county Plan, and none of the jurisdictions submitted current local mitigation projects.

After further encouragement to the municipalities, starting November 7, 2011 representatives from Fremont County Emergency Management Agency and Wyoming Office of Homeland Security attended City Council meetings for Pavillion, Hudson, Dubois, Riverton, Shoshoni and Lander. Discussions covered each municipality's potential hazards, the probability of the occurrence of those hazards and means and considerations to mitigate them. During these discussions, essential support components (items the municipalities had insured, but are not considered "structures" by the Fremont County Assessor's Office) were added to the categories of critical infrastructure (i.e., water wells, sewer lagoons and water tanks.)

Pavillion Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Pavillion Town Council met in regular session on November 7, 2011 at the Pavillion Town Hall. Council in attendance were Tauna Richardson, Andrea Smith, Bonnie Williams and Bud Kisling .Also, present were Mayor Hamlin, Maintenance Supervisor, Larry Zoller and Clerk Beckie Rissler. Together with several members of the community.

Following the pledge of allegiance and roll call Mayor Hamlin established that a quorum did exist and therefore called the meeting to order.

A Motion was made by Tauna Richardson to approve the night's agenda with a second by Andrea Smith , and no objections, the Motion carried.

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Under New Business, Mayor Hamlin turned the floor over to Melinda Gibson from the Department of Homeland Security to discuss a Mitigation Plan. Ms. Gibson explained that currently the Town of Pavillion is not listed under Fremont County's Mitigation Plan and that if the Town wishes to participate in the County's Mitigation Plan, the first step necessary to be included, is to document the discussion and provide the excerpt to Kathy Metzler so that she can amend the county's plan. The advantage to participating is that should threat of a natural disaster arise, the Town would have the ability to apply for Federal Funds to help lessen the impact. Whereas without a participating plan in place, federal funds would be off limits. (A copy of the handout which Ms. Gibson provided is available for review at Town Hall.)

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Under public Comment ; Doug Hill asked if there was going to be a recognition ceremony for veterans on Veterans Day. Clerk, Beckie Rissler responded to Mr. Hill's question stating there would be a service at the Wind River School.

With no further business to attend to a Motion was made by Bonnie Williams to adjourn and 2nd by Tauna Richardson. No objections, motion carried.

Gary Hamlin, Mayor

Attest

Rebecca Rissler, Clerk

Hudson Town Council Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF HUDSON

NOVEMBER 8, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Hamon opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on November 8, 2011 at the Hudson Town Hall, Hudson, Wyoming. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive

Mayor: Jake Hamon
Councilmembers: Mike Anderson, Sherry Oler and Art Fenton.
Councilwoman Mila Ready was absent.
Others: Maintenance Director – Robert West and
Clerk/Treasurer – Mary Anne Robeson
Visitors: Vonda Huish and Kathy Metzler from Fremont County
Emergency Management, Melinda Gibson from the State of Wyoming
Office of Homeland Security, Jim Gores from James Gores and
Associates, Dave Houle, and Brett Foss

At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Hamon opened the public hearing to gain public input into the Town updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan to be attached to the Fremont County Hazard Mitigation Plan as an appendix.

Melinda Gordon from the State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security commented that the goals of the Plan are as follows:

1. Protect Life and Property
2. Increase Public Awareness
3. The Protection of Natural Systems
4. Strengthen Partnerships
5. Support Emergency Services.

Projects identified by the Community must meet certain criteria to be eligible for funding, they must be cost effective, feasible and practical, environmental sound, contribute to a long term solution and severe detrimental impact on applicants who apply for funding their projects to prevent lost of life, loss of essential services, damage to critical facilities or economic hardship on the community.

Ms. Gordon then went over some of the possible proposed mitigation projects such as flood, sever winter storms, landslides, drought, wildfires, and earthquakes. She continued that Hudson needs to document which of these problems they feel would threaten the community and come up with hazard mitigation procedures and policies as well as projects that can minimize the impact of identified hazards.

Public involvement and participation are needed to formulate the plan which will then be adopted by the Governing Body and submitted to the Office of Homeland Security for review and acceptance whereupon it will be appended to the Fremont County Hazard mitigation plan as an appendix. This will allow the Town to apply for hazard mitigation funding.

Strategies for establishing Community, County, State and Federal partnerships for mitigation of potential hazards and assistance during any hazardous incidents that occur were discussed.

She asked that representatives be present at the Fremont County Association of Governments meeting on January 12, 2012. It was decided that Councilwoman Ready and Mayor Hamon should attend.

She then asked for comments and questions from the Governing Body and Public. Those present listed a number of items they perceive as hazards, including flood, wildfire, chemical and other substances affecting the water supply, and drought. ✓

There being no additional comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

Ms. Gibson and Ms. Metzler presented their contact information and asked that the Governing body keep in touch as the plan for Hudson is formulated.

Mayor Hamon then called the Regular Town Council meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Those noted above were in attendance. Mayor Hamon conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Clerk to take roll call.

MINUTES: Mayor Hamon asked for correction or approval of the minutes of September 13, 2011 and October 11, 2011.

A motion to approve the minutes of September 13 was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Fenton. The motion carried unanimously with Councilwoman Oler abstaining from voting as she was not present at the meeting. Mayor Hamon voted to make the majority.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 11 was made by Councilwoman Oler, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion carried unanimously with Councilman Fenton abstaining from voting as

has yet to decide how to divide those funds between the municipalities of the County.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. West said they situation at the water treatment plant has been pretty thoroughly covered and he has nothing further to report on this.

There have been some problems with sewer lines and he has asked Sanitary Sewer Systems to come TV one of the sewer mains. He said he has already talked with Mr. Gores about this problem as it might relate to the earlier sewer line repair/replacement project that was done. He will report further on this subject at the next meeting.

Mr. Gores reported that the final billing for their company for all the projects with the Town will be ready by the next council meeting. There will also be a final bill for Bornhoft Construction for the well field project. Mr. Gores asked if they can start the advertising for final payment to Bornhoft Construction for the well field project. The Council gave their permission.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Melinda Gibson and Kathi Metzler asked that the Town forward an extract of the minutes as soon as they have been approved. They also said that once the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved, then they will need a resolution with the minutes attached as an appendix.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council a motion was made by Councilman Mike Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Oler that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Clerk - Mary Anne Robeson

Mayor - Jake Hamon

Councilman - Art Fenton

Sherry Oler

Councilwoman - Sherry Oler

Councilman - Mike Anderson

ABSENT

Councilwoman - Mila Ready

Dubois Town Council Meeting (Received via E-mail from Town Clerk)

The Town of Dubois held a public meeting on November 9, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. at 712 Meckem, Dubois Town Hall for the purpose of multi-hazard mitigation planning. Mayor Blakeman, Council Members and Community members were present to participate in the discussion, by sharing their perspective on natural hazards the community faces, risks the hazards present, vulnerabilities of our community related to natural hazards, and propose mitigation activities to lessen the impact natural hazards have within our community.

Thank you,

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Riverton City Council Meeting Minutes

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

Regular Council Meeting

Held November 15, 2011

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Riverton City Council was held on the above date and time, duly convened by Mayor Ronald O. Warpness at 7:00 pm. City Council Members present were John “Lars” Baker, Mary Ellen Christensen, Eric Heiser, Rich Gard, Todd Smith, and Diana Mahoney. Councilman Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Warpness declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present were City Administrator Steven Weaver, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director Courtney V. Bohlender, Chief of Police Mike Broadhead, Community Development Director Sandy Luers, and City Secretary Kristin Watson.

Councilman Heiser moved, seconded by Councilwoman Mahoney to add to the agenda a Public Hearing prior to the first reading on Ordinance No. 11-012. Motion passed unanimously.

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Public Hearing – Hazardous Mitigation Plan – The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security’s State Mitigation Officer Melinda Gibson presented information in regards to developing a hazardous mitigation plan for the City of Riverton. Kathy Metzler and Walt Stickels also spoke in regards to the plan. Questions that were asked by Ms. Gibson were: Has the population increased or decreased, What structure and critical facilities are in the City, What is the status of mitigation already within the City, and What types of projects the grant funds can be used for. Councilwoman Mahoney suggested that the plan will need to be studied and reviewed by the Council before any decision will be made. Councilwoman Mahoney moved, seconded by Councilman Baker to open the public hearing for the purpose of discussing

a Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one in the audience wishing to speak in regard to a Hazardous Mitigation Plan, Councilman Heiser moved, seconded by Councilwoman Mahoney to close the public hearing. Motion passes unanimously.

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Adjourn - There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Gard moved, seconded by Councilman Heiser, to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

Ronald O. Warpness Mayor

ATTEST: Courtney V. Bohlander City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services
Publication Date:

ksw 11/15/11

Shoshoni Town Council Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SHOSHONI TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2011

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Peters at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lea Delay & Ken Cundall. Bill Marcus & Joel Highsmith absent.

VISITORS

Norman Moore, Melinda Gibson, Kathy Metzler, Vonda Huish, Mike Wheat & Teresa Taylor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Delay moved, second by Cundall, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes of November 08, 2011 and the Bills of November 22, 2011. Motion carried with Mayor Peters voting AYE.

PUBLIC MEETING ON FREMONT COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN:

Melinda Gibson, Emergency Preparedness Specialist with the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security presented a program

for discussion in regards to the Town of Shoshoni. Shoshoni Town Council discussed the goals in regards to the Multi-

Hazard Mitigation Goals & Proposed Action Items and concluded the following: 1. no real changes in population: went

from 635 to 649 residents within the Town limits for the 2010 Census; 2. With the proposed Mitigation Plan the Town

has the opportunity to ask for help with emergency funding from FEMA; 3. Mayor Peters believes the Town has

not been educated on the mitigation plan and the grants that are available, such as not thinking about the damage wind can do. Councilman Cundall asked if a natural tree windbreak & snow fence could help with damage caused by the wind?

4. Discussed Hazard Rankings and Unique Risks-Mayor Peters stated nothing pops our right now as a real emergency.

Council Member Delay stated part of the risks are just Wyoming living.

5. Discussed Critical Infrastructure Locations & Values and amended the list FEMA has on file to include properties the

Town owns that were not listed.

6. The Mayor & Town Council, present at this Public Meeting, feel the plan presented by Melinda Gibson is a good one and approve the plan as written.

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1. **Centennial Park Restroom** will be closed for the Winter months.

ADJOURN:

Cundall moved, second by Delay, to adjourn the meeting of November 22, 2011. Motion carried. 8:30 P.M.

MAYOR _____

Clerk _____

Lander City Council Meeting Minutes

**CITY OF LANDER
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Governing Body Present: Council Member Buddy Spriggs, Council Member John Boulette, Council Member Cade Maestas, Council Member Linda Barton, Council President Nancy Webber, Council Member Monte Richardson

Governing Body Absent: Mayor Mick Wolfe

City Staff Present: City Attorney Don Legerski, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Robin Griffin, Public Works Director Mickey Simmons, Community Resource Coordinator Gary Michaud, Fire Administrator Nick Hudson

Article I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Nancy Webber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nancy Webber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Webber opened the public hearing.

Public Hearing 6:00 p.m. – Mitigation Planning Meeting

Fire Administrator Nick Hudson introduced Melinda Gibson, State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness Specialist and Kathy Metzler Fremont County Emergency Management Coordinator. Ms. Gibson stated she was present to facilitate conversation with respect to mitigation to help prevent impact a hazard has on community.

Ms. Gibson explained how the Council and public were involved in the plan. Ms. Gibson described changes to risk assessment data regarding their vulnerable populations, structures, critical facilities and infrastructure. Council Member Maestas stated the City of Lander is statistically an aging community. Council Member Barton stated the Fremont County School District has seen an increase in the percentage of qualified free and reduced lunch program increased.

Ms. Gibson asked the Council to review the list of facilities and critical infrastructure. Additions to the facilities were the Lander Community Center, Water Treatment Plant, and Hunt Field Airport. Other facilities to mention were: Wyoming Life Resource Center, Wyoming Department of Transportation, Lander Senior Center, and the Fremont County School District #1 administration building located at 400 Baldwin Creek Road. The schools have changed since the last plan. The school changes are: Westside Elementary is now Baldwin Creek Elementary, Starrett Jr. High is now the Lander Middle School with a location of 755 Jefferson Street, Southside Elementary is now Gannet Peak Elementary and is temporarily located at 863 Sweetwater until the new elementary school is completed then it will be located at 615 Popo Agie Street. After construction of the new elementary school Northside Elementary will be demolished and Pathfinder High School will be located at the 863 Sweetwater Street address.

Ms. Gibson asked the status of the actions listed in the previous plan. Fire Administrator Nick Hudson stated the river stabilization is dealing with changed data due to the 2010 flood. He stated a number of projects are still planned but waiting on FEMA funding. Public Works Director Mickey Simmons Jr. stated two of the City projects are still waiting for funding approval. The projects are City Park and First Street. Fire Administrator Nick Hudson stated Wildland mitigation has done a lot of clean up along the river to remove the fuels. Wildland mitigation is an ongoing project. A weather station in Sinks Canyon is planned this year.

Ms. Gibson asked the Council to review the listed vulnerabilities and capabilities listed. Kathi Metzler with Fremont County Emergency Management explained why some of those items are listed. The Council reviewed the list and the consensus was that the rankings were accurate.

Ms. Gibson stated the purpose of process and participation in the plan is to make federal funding available to the city and county. She stated the comments will be confirmed at the January 12th Fremont County Association of Governments meeting. Once approved, Ms. Metzler will present a resolution to adopt the plan.

Council President Weber adjourned the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Richardson moved to approve the Bills & Claims as presented.
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Nancy Webber, Council President

Robin Griffin, City Clerk

These meetings culminated with a final meeting with the Fremont County Association of Governments group where the following information was presented by Kathi Metzler, Coordinator, Fremont County EMA:

FROM: Fremont County Emergency Management Agency (FCEMA)
TO: City of Lander, City of Riverton, Town of Dubois, Town of Hudson, Town of Shoshoni, and Town of Pavillion
cc: County Commissioner(s), Pam Canaham, Fremont County Association of Governments(FCAG)
DATE: January 12, 2012
SUBJECT: Fremont County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (presented at FCAG meeting 1/12/12)

Following the adoption of the Fremont County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") by Fremont County Commissioners on November 1, 2011, it was determined by Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII that local communities had not participated in the planning as much as was needed to include them with Fremont County in the Plan.

Meetings were scheduled in each community to address possible hazards and probability of occurrence for each community. Also addressed during these meetings were the infrastructures (owned by each municipality) that were in each community. Minute excerpts from each of those meetings are attached for documentation.

Following this update of the Plan, which includes the required participation of the City of Lander, City of Riverton, Town of Dubois, Town of Pavillion, Town of Hudson and Town of Shoshoni - the Plan should be accepted by WOHS/FEMA.

The Plan should not come up for revision again until the year 2016, and will require the same level of participation by each municipality.

It is the intention of FCEMA to include a mitigation project/goal segment in each Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting and/or a separate meeting specifically geared to mitigation projects and goals on a yearly basis to help ensure the Plan is kept up-to-date.

Minutes of Fremont County Association of Governments Meeting

FREMONT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
The Summit Restaurant, Lander, WY 82520
6:00 p.m., January 12, 2012

ROLL CALL

Chairman Hamlin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present: Mayor Warpness, Mayor Wolfe, and Mayor Blakeman. Guests present were Tauna Richardson, Kathi Metzler and Vonda Huish. Also present were Pamela Canham, Director of the Fremont County Association of Governments, and Kent Moss, Administrative Assistant of FCAG.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Mayor Warpness and seconded by Mayor Blakeman. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE VOUCHERS

A motion to approve vouchers for General Account for October: \$15,252.29; November: \$6,650.09

and December: \$9,428.41 per financial reports; and Joint Powers Board for October: \$40,746.25; November: \$0.00 and December: \$0.00 per financial reports, was made by Mayor Blakeman and seconded by Mayor Warpness. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as amended (to read Appointments and Employment for the Executive Session instead of Personnel) was made by Mayor Blakeman and seconded by Mayor Wolfe. The motion carried unanimously.

(i) NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hamlin introduced Kathi Metzler to the group. Ms. Metzler distributed handouts regarding the Fremont County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. She stated that she is missing minutes from Pavillion, Dubois and Hudson. Ms. Metzler reviewed a number of items including: potential hazards, probability of occurrence, and infrastructures. She discussed goals that they have established; i.e. public awareness, supporting emergency services and promoting partnerships. She stated that they are looking at possible community projects for mitigation. She explained that the grants of mitigation purposes require a 25% match and must be shovel ready. She also reported that the mitigation plans must be renewed every 5 years.

Chairman Hamlin then introduced Tauna Richardson who gave a presentation related to the proposed beer tax. Ms. Richardson distributed a number of handouts referencing a number of statistics regarding the current Wyoming beer tax as compared to the rest of the country; estimated revenue should the tax be raised and articles discussing the positive changes an increase in the tax would create. She stated that the beer tax in Wyoming has remained the same since 1935. She also reported that in conversations with various state legislators, Rep. Rita Campbell said she is not supportive of the tax but would help write the bill. She also stated that Rep. Del McOmie and Sen. Eli Bebout are in favor the tax. It is being proposed that the beer tax, currently at \$.02 per gallon, be raised to the national average of \$.28 per gallon. Even if the tax were only raised to \$.10 per gallon, it would mean a raise in revenue of \$1,470,000 per year. It is being proposed that the tax revenues be used for prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol addiction. In 2007-2008 a survey of Wyoming residents showed that 55.9% of those surveyed would support an increase in the tax if it went to drug and alcohol rehab. She reported that between 2005 and 2011, the State of Wyoming spent \$2.5 million more in expenses than revenue related to alcohol issues. Chairman Hamlin asked how can we make this happen? Mayor Warpness reported that the Alcohol Crisis Center had to lay off people and is unable to fix a faulty roof because of lack of funds. He stated that the industry that is helping create the problem should help carry the load. He suggested that FCAG pass a resolution to be sent to the legislature supporting the increase in the beer tax. He also stated that WAM is supporting the tax. Mayor Wolfe made a motion to pass a resolution requesting that the tax be raised to the national average and the monies be earmarked for specific use in prevention and treatment. Mayor Warpness seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a continuing discussion regarding the one percent sales tax. Mayor Wolfe stated that Gary Michaud had attended a Commission meeting and had heard nothing negative regarding the tax. Mayor Wolfe also suggested going back to the Commissioners and make them understand how committed the municipalities are to this initiative and how we need the Commission's support. Mayor Warpness suggested that FCAG could do a press conference to discuss the initiative and we could also circulate a petition. Mayor Hamlin asked Ms. Canham to call Becky Enos and get the FCAG Board on the agenda for the soonest possible meeting to discuss this with the Commissioners before proceeding with other suggestions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Presented as written.

WRTA REPORT

As there is currently no manager at WRTA, a report was not given.

FREMONT COUNTY REPORT

No one was present from the County.

1) REPORTS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS

Shoshoni. There was no one present from Shoshoni.

Lander. Mayor Wolfe reported that they are doing their energy upgrades. He announced that their Chief of Police has resigned and will be moving back to the position of Detective Sergeant. They will be appointing an interim Chief during their job search. He also reported that they are planning for their summer projects.

Pavillion. Mayor Hamlin reported that they are doing well. He stated that he met with the EPA and was told that there is no possibility of contamination to the Town's water system. They are waiting for the peer review regarding the entire situation. Their lagoon project is on hold until Spring due to a problem with ground water.

Riverton. Mayor Warpness reported that there is nothing new on the Job Corps projects. He stated that everything else is going fine. The City Council made their committee appointments for this year. He did report that there is a fire in one of the compost piles at the landfill that will probably be burning and/or smoldering for quite some time.

Dubois. Mayor Blakeman reported that they are wrapping up their energy upgrades on town hall and are preparing for the work on the Headwaters. They have their water tank wrapped up for the winter. She stated that they are trying to get the airport project off dead center. She also reported that they are trying to get CWC to have classes for public works technicians.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Tauna Richardson informed the group that with the rise in the suicide rate, the Core Prevention program wants Fremont County to be suicide alert and stated that Safe Talk classes would be held.

NEXT MEETING. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2012 in Shoshoni.

Mayor Gary Hamlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mayor Scott Peters, Secretary/Treasurer

Current Ideas on Implementation

Discussion and prioritization of mitigation projects and future planning and zoning are influenced by the current political environment, current elected officials and current discussion being held between jurisdictions and response areas. Discussions are on-going with the Wind River Reservation, which is considered a sovereign nation in the county.

Many of the projects discussed in the following section as mitigation projects have not reached a stage in planning and development that would allow an estimated cost or time frame for completion. Portions of the projects would also require additional items such as best possible chosen locations, environmental impact statements and would hinge on the participation of all jurisdictions involved. Because economics has not allowed agencies to act on their mitigation plans, costs have not been provided to this agency.

Prioritization of the mitigation actions were based on discussion and the best possible potential use of the proposed grant application. Decisions were made by members of the team involved.

The planned mitigation actions will be administered and guided by the department or agency most responsible and knowledgeable about the project. An example would be the road widening on Union Pass which would be through the Fremont County Government -Road and Bridge

Department. Grant paperwork assistance will go through the department currently designated to handle grants for Fremont County. At this time, Fremont County Emergency Management Agency is the designated department to request the draw downs and handle the reporting on grants to the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security for all homeland security grants.

The mitigation team prioritized the actions using the STAPLE+E criteria presented to the Emergency Management Office during the Mitigation Planning Workshop held in Casper in September 2005.

The following table explains the STAPLE+E criteria.

STAPLE+E	Criteria Explanation
S-Social	Mitigation actions are acceptable to the community if they do not adversely affect a particular segment of the population, do not cause relocation of lower income people, and if they are compatible with the community’s social and cultural values.
T-Technical	Mitigation actions are technically most effective if they provide long-term reduction of losses and have minimal secondary adverse impacts.
A-Administrative	Mitigation actions are easier to implement if the jurisdiction has the necessary staffing and funding.
P-Political	Mitigation actions can truly be successful if all stakeholders have been offered an opportunity to participate in the planning process and if there is public support for the action
L-Legal	It is critical that the jurisdiction or implementing agency have the legal authority to implement and enforce a mitigation action
E-Economic	Budget constrains can significantly deter the implementation of mitigation actions. Hence, it is important to evaluate whether an action is cost-effective, as determined by a cost benefit review, and possible to fund.
E- Environmental	Sustainable mitigation actions that do not have an adverse effect on the environment, that comply with Federal, State, and local environmental regulations, and that are consistent with the community’s environmental goals, have mitigation benefits while being environmentally sound.

Table 12.1 shows the Proposed Fremont County Mitigation Projects including the hazard ranking and description of the project. Also noted are the responsible agency and the discussion on estimated cost of the proposed project.

Table 12.1: Proposed Mitigation Projects, ranks, responsible agencies (and jurisdictions affected), estimated costs and benefits by hazard.

Hazard	Hazard Rank	Proposed Mitigation Project	Rank	Responsible Agency / Lead Agency	Estimated Cost Funding Source (if known)	Benefit	Timeline
All-Hazards		Develop and incorporate into the plan a list of hazard exposure factors for consideration when locating and planning construction of public structures, including critical facilities	High	Fremont County Planning Commission, Fremont County Government, All local jurisdictions	\$40,000 WOHS, FEMA, County and local jurisdictions	Improve safety of the population in the future	Ongoing
All-Hazards		Public education about local hazards, building and fire codes, and earthquake and flood proofing standards.	Medium	Fremont County Emergency Management (EM), All local jurisdictions	\$2,500 Fremont County EM	Informed and aware citizens	Ongoing
Drought	Medium-High	Upstream storage for shortage of water for irrigation	High	Fremont County Commissioners, Wyoming Water Development Commission	\$300,000,000 Wyoming Water Development Commission	Improve water conditions for the irrigation in our farming community	2050
Drought	Medium-High	Develop water conservation program/education	Medium to high	Fremont County Extension Service, All local jurisdictions	\$5,000 State of Wyoming	Reduced water consumption	Ongoing
Drought	Medium High	Develop groundwater supplies	Medium	Fremont County Commissioners, Wyoming Water Development Commission, Towns of Hudson and Shoshoni,	\$3,000,000 Water Development Commission	Increased water supply	2025
Earthquake	Medium	Conduct study and educate Public on phasing in of earthquake provisions of code for county buildings.	Medium	Fremont County EM, Fremont County Planning Commission	\$10,000 WOHS	Safer buildings and homes during an earthquake	2025

Hazard	Hazard Rank	Proposed Mitigation Project	Rank	Responsible Agency / Lead Agency	Estimated Cost Funding Source (if known)	Benefit	Timeline
Earthquake	Medium	Secure items that may cause injuries from above through public education for households and through acquisition and installation of stabilizing braces and window films for schools and critical facilities.	High	Fremont County Government, Fremont County EM, All local jurisdictions	\$200,000 WOHS and Wyoming legislature	Improve the safety of our citizens in the community	Ongoing
Earthquake	Medium	Public education on safety measures to take during an earthquake	Medium	Fremont County Government, Fremont County EM	\$2,000 Fremont County EM	Improve the safety of our citizens in the community	Ongoing
Flood	High	Green Way Project in Lander And Popo Agie River flood prevention and stabilization	High	Lander City Government, Popo Agie Conservation District, NRCS	\$3,000,000 + Popo Agie Conservation District	Reduce or remove flooding hazards through central Lander	Ongoing
Flood	High	Continue to encourage participation in NFIP.	High	Fremont County Planning Commission, Towns of Hudson, Riverton, Dubois, and Lander	\$5,000 WOHS	More insured properties for floods	Ongoing
Landslide	Medium	Continue monitoring landslides In critical areas	Medium	Fremont County Planning Commission, Wyoming State Geological Survey, Wyoming Department of Transportation, All jurisdictions	\$500,000 Wyoming State Geological Survey, Wyoming Department of Transportation	Advance notice of landslide destabilization	Ongoing
Landslide	Medium	Stabilize landslides that threaten the population or infrastructure of the county	Medium	Fremont County Government, Wyoming Department of Transportation, University of Wyoming	\$1,000,000 + Fremont County EM	Reduction of future landslide hazards	Ongoing

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Severe Winter Storm	High	Encourage the purchase of Weather Radios for notification of hazardous conditions	High	Fremont County EM, Individuals in the population	\$1,000 Fremont County EM	Improve safety of the citizens of the county	Ongoing
Severe Weather	High	Encourage purchase of 72-Hour Kits and educate public need for kits	High	Fremont County EM	\$1,000 Fremont County EM	Saving lives or reducing impacts on citizens trapped by storm	Ongoing
Wildland Fire	High	Educate public on wildland fire/urban interface and encourage reduction of fuels loads	High	Fremont County EM, all Fire Districts, FIREWISE	\$5,000 United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs	Reduce wildland fire impact	Ongoing
Wildland Fire	High	Encourage the purchase of Weather Alert Radios for notification of hazardous conditions	High	Fremont County EM, individuals in the population	\$1,000 Fremont County EM	Improve warning of citizens in county	Ongoing
Wildland Fire	High	Widen road to the Union Pass area for better access and egress	Medium	Fremont County Road & Bridge	Cost has not been determined at this time Fremont County Road and Bridge, FEMA	Egress and ingress for citizens and emergency services	2025

Ideas for Implementation in the Future

The following are possible ideas that may be included in the future projects for actions to assist the citizens of Fremont County to be better prepared. However, these ideas will be influenced mostly by the current political situation that Fremont County finds itself in at the time of the discussion and current events happening in the national media. When events happen in other areas of the world, local citizens tend to become more interested in that event, even if it is not happening here.

Current events influence the reactions of the communities, (i.e. “the squeaky wheel gets the grease”) which may also influence the direction of projects being addressed. Projects can change on a regular basis depending on current situations and their effects on the population.

Following the 2010 and 2011 Fremont County Flood events, interest was high in the areas affected by the flood waters. However, interest in mitigation projects and goals prior to these events was minimal. This is due to the fact that Fremont County municipalities, and Fremont County government have a history of not spending tax payer funds on anything except the most necessary day-to-day business expenditures. Emergencies are dealt with as they happen, rather than financing the mitigation work to prevent them. The floods of 2010 and 2011 have brought about few changes to this mindset.

The Towns of Hudson, Pavillion and Shoshoni are much smaller communities and may fall into the "impoverished" category (neither Pavillion or Shoshoni is located in a flood potential area.) Pavillion and Shoshoni do not have mitigation plans or projects that were presented to this office. Hudson does not have the tax base to fund any mitigation projects. Hudson had some issues addressed in the 2010 Flood, such as building a berm on the north bank of Middle Popo Agie river. If Lander, Riverton and Dubois are unable to financially complete mitigation projects, Hudson, Pavillion and Shoshoni, which has a much smaller tax base, certainly cannot.

After the City Council meetings with each municipality, the Town of Pavillion and the Town of Shoshoni verbalized interest in mitigation projects. Open discussion during the meeting in Pavillion generated the idea of a tornado shelter, and the Town of Shoshoni a wind break of trees. At this time neither community will pursue the project past the open City Council meeting. Again, financial reasons prohibit moving forward as mitigation funding requires a dollar match by the applicant.

- Partner with other organizations and agencies in Fremont County to identify grant programs and foundations that may support mitigation activities.
- Distribute information about flood, fire, earthquake and other forms of natural hazards insurance to property owners in areas identified to be a risk through hazard mapping.
- Get more private business involvement throughout the county in mitigation planning.
- Identify critical facilities and infrastructure that may be at risk from natural hazards events.
- Identify bridges at risk from flood or earthquake hazards, identify enhancements and implement projects needed to reduce the risk.
- Encourage individual and family preparedness through public education projects.
- Familiarize public officials on actions that can protect the citizens from future problems as the county increases in population and construction.

- Coordinate the maintenance of emergency transportation routes through communication among the County Roads Department, neighboring jurisdictions and the Wyoming Department of Transportation.
- Identify opportunities for partnering with citizens, private contractors and other jurisdictions to increase availability of equipment and manpower for efficiency of response efforts.
- Work with neighboring groups to establish Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.) to assist their own neighborhoods when needed.
- Familiarize public officials of requirements regarding public assistance for disaster response.
- Develop and complete a baseline survey to gather perceptions of private citizens and the business community regarding natural hazards risks and identify mitigation needs. Repeat the survey in five years to monitor successes and failures of natural hazards mitigation programs.
- Develop outreach programs to business organizations that must prepare for flooding events.
- Use local radio and cable stations as a conduit for advertising public forums.