

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14 October 2025

Members and Guests in attendance:

Agosta, Nadine	Henderson, Kayla	Nolan, Sarah
Brown, Corry	Howell, Charlie	Perry, Karissa
Bruno, Frank	Martinez, Ed	Peterson, Lisa
Butler, Donna	Mecham, Clint	Troxler, David
Coleman, Jim	Melendez-Rodriguez,	Volner, Machel
Collis, Linda	Janette	White, Pat
Garrison, Dawn	Moore, Don	Winhoven, Holly
Greenberg, Warren	Needham, Don	Yates-Bonano, Tracy

Mr. Frank Bruno opened the meeting at 10:00 AM

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Ms. Pat White gave a Treasurer's Report \$11,724.59

Ms. Donna Butler gave us an update of the Transform 386 Program. It is built primarily on Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant funding. Currently at a half a billion dollars of recovery funds between Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Milton. We have 1,465 applications under Ian and 283 applications under Milton. If the homeowner had received funds from FEMA or insurance to repair their home, they must have used them to repair their home or contribute those funds to the calculation for CDBG-DR funding. Almost 700 damage assessments have been done. Over 250 have been assigned to the construction vendor. There is a 5-year lien place on the home for anyone who receives assistance. If they are in their home for 5 years, it becomes a forgivable lien. Recipients must have low to moderate income or disabled or elderly. There is also a buy-out program. These are federal funds that come directly to Volusia County. There is very robust infrastructure program. The first round was a total of \$109 million in projects of which \$63 million came from CDBG-DR funding. There is a match for this funding. The second round was \$79 million in project cost with \$49 million coming from CDBG-DR.

Mr. Clint Mecham gave us an Emergency Management update. We just finished with the nor'easter. We lost about 95% of the sand that was brought in, but we expected to lose it. It protected the seawalls. The wooden part of the jetty is gone along with the power line. Edgewater was heavily hit with flooding. They reported 15 residences and 1 business as effected, with the business and 5 residences being minor damage. All things considered, it was not too bad. We are now watching the west side of the county for St. Johns River flooding. Construction is continuing with the expansion of the west side of the EOC. We will also be upgrading all of

the technology in the building. We are gearing up for Biketoberfest. There was a discussion about how SB 180 will affect Volusia County Emergency Management.

Ms. Cory Brown indicated that there are not many changes for VRRRC. They are working on various training sessions, that are listed on the web site.

Ms. Linda Collis says that they are working on long term recovery in Georgia and Tampa.

Ms. Machele Volner with Endeavors reported that they are hiring for new locations that will be opening.

Ms. Kayla Henderson reported that VIND has 1 roof being vetted from Hurricane Ian. Currently there are 4 roofs being replaced, 1 mobile home being replaced and 2 interiors being repaired.

Mr. Warren Greenberg continues to work on Map Your Neighborhood.

Ms. Janette Melendez-Rodriguez is the point person for FEMA in our area.

Mr. Ed Martinez reported that the Disaster Expo will be on April 18, 2026, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Daytona International Speedway. There is an alternative date for a rain-day of May 30, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Submitted 11/18/2025
Charlie Howell
Secretary