

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)  
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 18 November 2025**

Members and Guests in attendance:

Brown, Corry	Henderson, Kayla	O’Connor, Dominique
Bruno, Frank	Howell, Charlie	Parkhurst, Ray
Coleman, Evelyn	Jackson, Tina	Perry, Karissa
Collis, Linda	Martinez, Ed	Troxler, David
Garrison, Dawn	Mecham, Clint	Volner, Machel
Greenberg, Warren	Moore, Don	Winhoven, Holly

**Mr. Ray Parkhurst** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Mr. Ray Parkhurst** reported that our bank account has \$11,724 in it.

**Mr. Clint Mecham** gave us an emergency management update. It is too cold and too dry for a storm; we should be done for this year. Florida did not take any major impact from a storm this year. We took more damage from the northeaster than we did from any hurricane, this year. The interim director of FEMA resigned yesterday. The new plan for FEMA is for more local control. We have been told not to expect any change in grants. Construction continues on the EOC. On track to be done around June. It will be used for bunk space, classroom space and to accommodate the state EOC as a backup to Tallahassee.

**Mr. Ed Martinez** said now that we are in blue skies, we are working on workshops. We are considering a disaster donation drive for materials to be used at shelters. We are working on the 2026 Expo contracts and insurance. He would like everyone to use the Volusia County Emergency Management app.

**Ms. Holly Winhoven** indicated that we are looking for a facility to be used to collect donations like blankets and supplies. The Volusia COAD would be the organization of record to collect such items. The Red Cross is looking for a 2,000 square foot room for a sheltering exercise.

**Ms. Corry Brown** reported that there was 1 cold shelter that asked for help. VRRRC stepped up and volunteered. December 4<sup>th</sup> is the next training – Psychological First Aid.

**Ms. Linda Collis** gave us an American Red Cross update. They are part of the North Central Florida Red Cross and are part of the Central Florida Coast Chapter which is 8 counties. She is managing 76 clubs – 2700 youth.

**Ms. Karissa Perry** says that the health department is wrapping up training and exercises.

**Ms. Kayla Henderson** reported that VIND has 5 roofs and 1 mobile home being replaced. VIND is currently working on the FEMA registrations. There is a Board of Directors meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3PM.

**Ms. Tina Jackson** of Endeavors has some Milton contracts. They are hiring and training currently. They serve Florida from the panhandle to Palm Beach.

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

**Ms. Evelyn Coleman** is asking that as anyone hears of a new program, please email [disasterreliefalliance23@gmail.com](mailto:disasterreliefalliance23@gmail.com) . There was a discussion about gathering information about programs and getting it into the community.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** spoke about Hurricane Expo. The date is April 18, 2026, at the Daytona International Speedway from 10 am to 4 pm. Rain check day is April 30, 2026. We are working on a contract with the speedway.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Submitted 01/13/2026

Charlie Howell

Secretary