

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Meeting Summary – 12 May 2026

Members and Guests in attendance: (* online)

Agosta, Nadine *	Henderson, Kayla	Parkhurst, Ray
Bonano, Tracy	Hively, Kendra	Peterson, Lisa *
Brown, Corry	Howell, Charlie	Troxler, David
Bruno, Frank	Jackson, Thomas	Volner, Machel
Coleman, James *	Jackson, Tina	White, Pat
Collis, Linda	Mecham, Clint	Wilson, Oliyah
Garrison, Dawn	Moore, Don	
Greenberg, Warren	OConnor, Dominique	

Mr. Ray Parkhurst opened the meeting at 10:01 AM

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Ms. Pat White reports that we have \$11,150.59 in the bank.

Mr. Clint Mecham gave up an update on VCEM. Construction at the EOC should be completed by August 27. Tech upgrade will be before the County Council for approval. Rockville is done, with excessive heat and lots of rain. On average 48,000 to 50,000 people in attendance per day. Hurricane predictions: Indications are a near normal to a low normal season. 108 presentations since Jan 1st to over 3500 residents in Volusia County.

FEMA changes: Over 50 recommendations yielding 150 actions. Among them are replacing the 7 phase public assistance grants and individual assistance with a direct funding mechanism through the states. Moving towards a locally operated, state managed, federally funded type model. They are also doing something similar with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Privatize the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA will become the player of last resort. A single application for all programs. Estimated timeline is 2 to 3 years for implementation. What this means for us is that COAD will become more critical.

Mr. Frank Bruno reported that the expo is not as successful as we wanted. About half of what was expected. Discussion noted: maybe it was too early, involve the school system, do alternate years – east side and west side, not enough advertising.

Mr. Jim Coleman indicated that Community Legal Services is available to all non-profits.

Ms. Corry Brown says training is coming up next week for VRRC members concerning Safety and Awareness. Working on another orientation for VRRC. Will be doing CPR training in the fall. Motion was made, seconded and approved to pay for CPR training for COAD members.

Ms. Kayla Henderson of VIND reports that VIND is currently finishing up one roof replacement, one interior and exterior repair project.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Submitted 06/09/2026

Charlie Howell

Secretary