

Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format
OSU Linn County Extension Office

Attendees: Katherine Daniel, Alyssa Boles, Kate Bentz, Julia Fox, Ginger Allen, Briana Parra, Kelly Hart, Ron Whitlatch, Jason Rush, Joe Samaniego, Traci Archer, City of Sodaville

Review and adopt notes from 4/3/24

Meeting attendees moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 3, 2024

Schedule review

Katherine Daniel reviewed where Linn County was in the 2024/2025 NHMP project schedule as
of July 2024. There are two drafts ready for review: the Community Profile and Risk Assessment

Public Outreach and Engagement work

- Risk Assessment Summary
- Survey examples
 - Kate Bentz shared a public outreach opportunity with the Sheriff's office at the Linn County Fair. She and Alyssa Boles will be operating a booth at the fair with engaging activities for both adults and children, including a three-question natural disaster community survey, interactive wildfire preparedness coloring sheets for children, and emergency and preparedness handouts. Julia Fox and Kate Bentz designed the survey in English and Spanish in the hopes of getting more engagement
- Public engagement examples
 - Ginger Allen suggested National Night Out event, taking place on the first Tuesday of August, as a good outreach event
 - Katherine Daniel recommended anyone choosing to engage at a public event should remember to take pictures

Mitigation Strategy

- Mitigation Goals review and revise if needed
 - Kate Bentz suggested re-wording the written goals to better clarify and differentiate them better.
- Mitigation Actions
 - Kate Bentz suggested focusing on projects and programs people are seriously interested in accomplishing or participating in. Katherine Daniel suggested focusing on what is accomplishable inside of a set timeline, and that FEMA requires new NHMPs to identify potential funding sources for any strategies they include in their NHMP.
- Capability Assessment
 - Katherine Daniel encouraged stakeholders to consider their own capacity to implement any mitigation strategies they would like to adopt going forward

Next Steps:

- Jurisdictions- Commit to some kind of public outreach or survey in their community in August/September
- SC members- Katherine Daniel will be conducting individual jurisdiction meetings on mitigation strategy actions