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HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE**

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January 28, 2021

1:00 P.M.

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Minutes

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Schock, Chairman
Sergio Ascunce
Joe Belcher
Anne Cope, Ph.D.
David Compton
Mark Mikkelson
Craig Parrino

John "Bud" Plisich
Angela Schedel, Ph.D.
Brad Schiffer
Jeffery Schnellmann
Vince Seijas
Brian Swope

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Thomas Campbell
Jim Hammers

Justin Vogel
Chris Howell

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: facilitatedsolutions.org

Welcome:

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the HRAC. A quorum was determined with 13 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Blair asked for a motion to approve the agenda for January 28, 2021 as posted if there were no changes.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Mr. Seijas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 13 to 0.

Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2020.

Mr. Blair asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 2, 2020 as posted if there were no changes.

Mr. Mikkelson entered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2020 meeting as posted. Mr. Seijas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 13 to 0.

Review and Discuss Draft Work Plan for Identification of Further Research and Development Essential to Hurricane Protection:

Mr. Madani provided a detailed description of the work plan for the Committee.

Committee Comments/Clarification:

Mr. Belcher requested to know if there is a statute or rule that would require projects be completed by a Florida University.

Mr. Madani stated this would be covered under the procurement process that is next on the agenda but did add that there is nothing that will or would prevent collaboration work with universities.

Mr. Mikkelson asked if projects would still be reviewed if they are not being ranked.

Review and Discuss Draft Work Plan for Identification of Further Research and Development Essential to Hurricane Protection (cont.):

Committee Comments/Clarification (cont.):

Mr. Madani advised that these projects are not subject to review by the HRAC and that all subject matter is sent to the respective Technical Advisory Committees for review and provided examples of this process.

Mr. Plisich asked that on the March 1, 2021 deadline would FEMA should be required to complete solicitation.

Mr. Madani advised that they should engage in obtaining and working with a PI from a Florida University.

Mr. Plisich stated FEMA can submit the recommendations of study and let the Universities carry out the work. He further stated that FEMA does not perform research, a PI or other interested party must carry out the actual research.

Mr. Blair provided more detail on the work plan to ensure clarity.

Mr. Schnellmann inquired on the budget appropriation and deadlines and asked what occurs when one project could over extend the deadline for completion.

Mr. Madani and Mr. Campbell provided detail on how the contracts work and what occurs if the deadlines are not completed.

Public Comment: None

Motion:

Mr. Seijas entered a motion to approve the work plan. Mr. Ascunce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 13 to 0.

Review and Discuss Procurement Process for the Florida Building Commission's Research Projects:

Mr. Campbell provided a detailed explanation of the procurement process for the research projects.

Committee Comments:

Mr. Belcher thanked Mr. Campbell for the clarification of his question on Universities that were previously requested.

Review and Discuss Procurement Process for the Florida Building Commission's Research Projects (cont.):

Mr. Plisich spoke on the process at FEMA and using TASK orders to expedite their process.

Mr. Campbell stated he would review this process for HRAC and the Commission.

Mr. Campbell provided a full explanation of the Budget and how it is used.

Public Comments: None

Chairman Schock advised there will no longer be a final roll call imposed for the Committee.

Adjourn:

Chairman Schock thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting for the HRAC members at 10:47 a.m.