

LTRG Meeting September 3, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by LTRG Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey inviting David Greene to lead the session due to an illness and introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Attendees

Tina Vickers, SCEMD (virtual)
Eric Turner, SCEMD (virtual)
Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chair (virtual)
Jenny Hiott, In His Name Colleton (virtual)
Amanda Herndon, In His Name (virtual)
Ellison Smith, SCEMD (virtual)
Mary Louise Resch, SCOR (virtual)
Libbi Myers, LTRG
Marsha Ulmer, LTRG
Willie Rabb, LTRG
Tiffany Scott, CCFR
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
John Burns, LTRG
Danielle Murdaugh, LTRG
David Greene, CCFR
Karen Hardison, SCOR, Watershed
Mallory Panelo, UWASC
Dale Dauthat-UW of the Lowcountry-Beaufort

II. Appearances and Presentations

- A. Mary Louise Resch, Disaster Recovery VOAD Coordinator of the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) - Mary Louise Resch provided a presentation on SCOR, noting that the office was established by Section 486220 of the South Carolina code of laws to create and implement a statewide resilience plan and coordinate disaster recovery efforts. SCOR administers FEMA's Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) grant and is hiring 134 case managers to work directly with disaster survivors. They also manage Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds, focusing on repairs and rebuilds. SCOR's work includes mitigation projects such as voluntary buyouts and infrastructure improvements, and providing local cost-share for federal flood mitigation grants, particularly for small and rural areas. Mary Louise Resch mentioned that the actual unmet housing need in South Carolina due to Hurricane Helene is \$1.7 billion, demonstrating the significant challenge of stretching available funds. She highlighted that Hurricane Helene uniquely

impacted areas of the state not frequently hit by hurricanes, like Spartanburg, while other areas experienced snow. SCOR collaborates with voluntary organizations active in disaster (VOADs) and long-term recovery groups (LTRGs) to repair and replace disaster-impacted homes. They also work to secure funding from corporations and foundations to support VOAD and LTRG groups. David Greene inquired about the optimal time to refer individuals to SCOR for long-term case management. Mary Louise Resch advised that the sooner individuals are entered into their system, the better, citing data sharing challenges. She noted that partners can sign a "common housing operation picture" (CHOP) agreement to facilitate data exchange. Mary Louise Resch also offered to connect Danielle Murdaugh with Jose Valdez from Lutheran Services Carolina, who had up to \$5,000 per household available for Hurricane Debby related needs. Mary Louise Resch confirmed that SCOR monitors Crisis Cleanup and pulls data from it to identify individuals who may qualify for assistance. Tina Vickers raised a concern about preventing duplication of services given SCOR's comprehensive efforts. Mary Louise Resch explained that data sharing agreements with partner organizations help prevent duplication by identifying individuals already in the system or those who have not yet received assistance. Mary Louise Resch provided SCOR's Disaster Case Management phone number (803-898-2511) for referrals and offered to send a flyer with more information. Dale Douthat introduced Charity Tracker, a shared case management system developed after Hurricane Katrina, as a potential resource for other LTRGs. Mary Louise Resch also highlighted SCOR's weekly "Friday Funday" newsletter, which provides information on partners, training, resources, and open grant cycles, noting its 60% open rate due to the inclusion of 5 to 10 currently open grant cycles. SCOR also offers free grant writing training to local community nonprofits.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - John Burns made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared and Willie Rabb seconded the motion. There was no dissent.

IV. Old Business

A. FEMA Assistance -

1. David Greene discussed FEMA assistance, noting that while no major changes are expected this year, door-to-door canvassing and disaster recovery center staffing will be eliminated, and the amount of available money remains uncertain. He emphasized the importance of insurance as the best defense against loss, clarifying

that FEMA assistance is not designed to make individuals "whole" and can be very limited.

B. Fundraising-

1. Danielle Murdaugh reported the current balance in the long-term recovery fund as \$12,600.80, acknowledging that this amount is insufficient for extensive needs. They encouraged donations, highlighting that such contributions are tax-deductible. Mary Louise Resch offered to send marketing materials.

V. New Business

- A. Individual Recovery Sheets - David Greene presented a Google Sheet used for individual recovery, which tracks local initial damage assessments including address, city, zip code, property type, and damage type based on FEMA criteria. The sheet also records owner-occupant information, contact details, and insurance status. FEMA individual assistance is primarily for owner-occupied, uninsured houses, and those with insurance may be discouraged from applying. The sheet tracks FEMA approval or rejection and subsequent repair needs, with the group voting on allocating limited funds to assist. David Greene demonstrated how the sheet tracks damages, notes from conversations with affected individuals, and repairs completed by various organizations like Southern Baptist and Team Rubicon. Communication with affected individuals is primarily through the colletonfire.com/recovery webpage, which allows citizens to upload damage pictures and provides information, or by calling the EOC number. David Greene also expressed frustration with citizens contacting elected officials with inaccurate/false information, as it creates additional work and does not expedite FEMA processes. David Greene also highlighted the lengthy and complex process of disaster recovery, from initial damage assessments to securing FEMA declarations. A significant challenge is heirs properties, where individuals living in homes passed down without wills may be ineligible for FEMA assistance because they cannot prove ownership. He also discussed SBA loans as a powerful tool for homeowners and businesses to make repairs, noting that they are low-interest and long-term with deferred first payments.

- VI. Discussion - Future Speakers & Goals - Danielle Murdaugh expressed interest in inviting Mallory Panuelo from the United Way Association of South Carolina to speak at a future meeting, recognizing the importance of volunteer coordination. Karen Hardison from the Office of Resilience also informed the group about the

"Resilient Coastal Communities Collaborative program" and encouraged interested parties to reach out for more information.

VII. Next Meeting - Scheduled for 3-December-2025 at 4:00 PM in person or virtually

VIII. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

LTRG Meeting June 4, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

- IX. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by LTRG Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey at 4:00 PM and introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Attendees

Tina Vickers, SCEMD (virtual)
Paul Matthews, Aiken County EM (virtual)
Eric Turner, SCEMD (virtual)
Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chair (virtual)
Latoya Dash, SC UMC
Ruth Ann Sipe, Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas
Willie Rabb, LTRG
Pam White, SC UMC
Tiffaney Scott, CCFR
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
John Burns, LTRG
Danielle Murdaugh, LTRG
David Greene, CCFR
Billy Cain, LTRG, C3 Construction
Syvilla Brock, UMC
Pamela White, UMC

David Greene noted that Ms. Marissa Jones had agreed to join the LTRG and this would've been her first meeting; however, she was tragically killed in an accident a few weeks ago. David Greene noted that she was a wonderful woman, a pillar of the community and would've been a tremendous asset to the LTRG.

Libby Myers, LTRG had an excused absence

- X. Appearances and Presentations

A. Reverend Ruth Ann Sipe, Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas -

1. Lutheran Disaster Response is grant funded by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving both North and South Carolina. The mission of LDR is to offer hope, healing, and renewal to those impacted by disasters in the US and worldwide, focusing on emotional and spiritual care, long-term recovery, and disaster case management. In the Carolinas, their primary focus during non-disaster times is preparedness, working with congregations

and individuals to develop plans for various scenarios. LDR's approach, which involves preparing individuals and congregations at home and at church to aid their communities during disasters. They maintain a website, ldrcarolinas.org, with resources and a blog, and they actively develop a network of trained responders across both states. LDR has been involved in volunteer management for debris cleanup and home repair, often being a long-term presence in the recovery process. While they receive referrals through SCORE, they are not the initial chainsaw crews but help with rebuilding efforts, utilizing hubs at their Lutheran camps for volunteer housing in western North Carolina. LDR does not handle direct referrals for assistance, their referrals come from SC Office of Resilience (SCOR). They prepare congregations for disasters and perform some volunteer management, mainly within the scope of personnel from their congregations. For Debris Cleanup, they are generally not the first ones in but are the last ones out. They use Crisis Cleanup and have clean up kits available (similar to the Salvation Army).

- B. Latoya Dash, SC United Methodist Church Disaster Response Ministry (SC UMC) -Their response follows four phases: readiness, rescue, relief, and recovery, with a fifth internal review phase. The readiness phase involves preparedness conversations with congregations and communities, encouraging individuals and groups to create disaster plans and arrange resources. The rescue phase is left to emergency agencies, while the United Methodists move into the relief phase after areas are deemed safe. During the relief phase, they assess needs through district and local church coordinators and deploy Early Response Teams (ERTs) for debris removal. ERT members are certified and vetted through an eight-hour course. The relief phase sets the stage for the recovery phase, where they continue to work until systems return to near normal, providing shelter, food, water, cleaning kits, and hygiene kits. Chain saw operation and roof tarping during the relief phase require ERT certification, but they do not replace roofs at this stage. The recovery phase includes both short-term and long-term efforts. The cleanup kits are strategically housed at partner churches across the state, such as Jericho UMC in Colleton County. Funding for their disaster response comes entirely from the United Methodist Committee on Relief. They also partner with community agencies to address needs after disasters. The United Methodists also utilizes the United Methodist Voluntary Mission to assist with recovery efforts, the scale of the disaster determines the groups involved. Their case management approach involves tracking individuals from the initial disaster through long-term recovery. They have case managers but do

not receive referrals from SCOR. They also use UMC Salkehatchie which performs repairs to homes similar to Mission Serve. To mobilize SC UMC, the LTRG should contact the North Lucas Street UMC at 843-549-5441 or the Local Response Coordinator Jacquelyn Jenkins at 843-584-2246.

- XI. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - David Greene made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared and John Burns seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
- XII. Old Business
 - A. Tropical Storm Debby Recovery Efforts - Update
 - 1. Danielle Murdaugh noted that all of the previously identified homes had received repairs except those that could not be repaired due to termite damage, etc. The group decided that further improvements would be curtailed as it sounded as if the efforts had produced significant results for those who sustained damages from TS Debby.
 - a) LTRG Fund distributions for these efforts include a \$1,255.21 allocation on 4/23/2025 to C-3 Construction and a \$8,731.66 allocation on 4/29/2025 to C-3 Construction.
 - B. Fundraising - the group discussed fundraising efforts and the current exact balance was unknown (estimated to be around \$12,000). It was later found to be \$12,543.43.
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Hurricane Season - David Greene and Danielle Murdaugh discussed the upcoming hurricane season, which is expected to be above average. As a reminder, it only takes one storm to be a “bad” season.
 - B. Danielle Murdaugh and David Greene discussed the potential reduction in FEMA assistance for both governments (Public Assistance) and citizens (Individual Assistance). Hurricane Helene statistics show that of approximately 450,000 Individual Assistance applications, 56 people have received the maximum IA award (\$42,500). The average award is around \$1,000. Insurance remains your best defense against a loss.
- XIV. Discussion - Future Speakers & Goals - Ellison Smith mentioned that there are two new non-profit organizations that worked with the SCEMD after Helene and would be good to present to the LTRG. Additionally, David Greene asked Ellison Smith for an off-line call to coordinate a presenter from SCOR.
- XV. Next Meeting - Scheduled for 3-September-2025 at 4:00 PM in person or virtually

XVI. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

LTRG Meeting March 5, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by LTRG Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey at 4:00 PM and introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Attendees

Deputy Chief David A. Greene, CCFR
Captain KC Campbell, CCFR
Danielle Murdaugh, Colleton County
Jeneane Ryan, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
John Burns, Walterboro Lions Club
Todd Musselman, Red Cross
Willie Rabb, LTRG
Libbi Myers, LTRG
Marsha Ulmer, LTRG
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Mr. Rick Berry, Walton Options
Tiffaney Scott, CCFR
Michele Corkum, Catholic Charities of South Carolina

- II. Appearances and Presentations:

Mary Kaye Bailey welcomed our guest speaker, Michele Corkum with Catholic Charities of South Carolina

Michele Corkum introduced herself to everyone, and began her presentation on the disaster program through Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities was founded in Charleston on March 15, 1945 and has been serving South Carolina's vulnerable populations for over 70 years. Their mission is to inform and inspire through the mission of the Church, Catholic Charities of South Carolina promotes dignity, ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of those under our care and acts to break the cycle of poverty in the Palmetto State. Michele Corkum explained that Catholic Charities of South Carolina is at the forefront of any natural disaster that could impact our beautiful state. Catholic Charities Disaster Services started after the 1,000 year flood in 2015. Catholic Charities service three different phases; the preparedness, response/relief and recovery. In the preparedness phase the Catholic Charities work year round to provide Disaster Preparedness resources so that when a storm strikes, individuals can be ready. They work closely with the South Carolina Emergency Management Department to provide parishes and the community with tips and planning lists to help lessen the stress of getting a plan together. Through a Home Maintenance Workshop that the Catholic Charities provide they are able to teach the public the importance of

general home maintenance prior to a disaster, and their goal is that at the end of the workshop, families can walk away with the tools they need to prepare for the next storm. In response/relief, Catholic Charities and community partnerships are able to provide immediate assistance to those who are suffering in the wake of a natural disaster. They provide baby supplies, cleaning kits, food, water, and hygiene items to those impacted. In recovery, once organizations provide immediate response and relief efforts they will oftentimes move on to the next disaster. Catholic Charities are able to provide short and long term recovery services to clients impacted by natural disasters. Catholic Charities work with contractors and community partnerships to assist homeowners in their return to safe, sanitary, and secure housing. Some clients wait 2-3 months, but many have adjusted their life for at least a year, breathing in moldy conditions daily.

Outside of the Disaster program they also offer a Getting Ahead Program, this program provides education for understanding and breaking the cycle of generational poverty from its financial, psychological and social causes to its ramifications. This is a 16-week course, taught by financial literacy and banking professionals, equips participants to overcome financial challenges and encourages them to work to build a better future for themselves. Catholic Charities of South Carolina started this program in 2018 in Georgetown, and over 35 individuals have participated in and completed this program.

Michele Borbely Corkum

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III. Approval of Minutes

- A. David Greene asked if any changes were required for the minutes from the last meeting (December 4, 2024). Hearing none, KC Campbell made a motion they be accepted as prepared. Marsha Ulmer seconded the motion and it passed without dissent

IV. Old Business

- A. Tropical Storm Debby Recovery Efforts- Danielle Murdaugh gave a report on the pending home repairs for Debby. The contractor has given a quote on the homes and has been given the green light to proceed. Danielle Murdaugh did advise that there was one home that would not be able to be repaired due to extensive underlying damages.
- B. Fundraising-The group talked about ideas for raising funds, one main was that spoke on was putting an article in the paper of what the LTRG has done in the past with helping with community and express a way for the community to give back to that the funds stay in Colleton County.

V. New Business

- A. LTRG Membership-Mr. John Burns mentioned having something at the Rice Festival, maybe a banner. David Greene advised to continue to reach out to churches and volunteer organizations to try to increase the membership.
- VI. Future Speakers and Goals - Danielle Murdaugh advised that she made contact with several companies at the 2025 SCEMA Conference, and she has sent out emails to try to get them to come speak at the upcoming meetings.
- VII. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM. The next regular LTRG meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM virtual and in person meeting.

LTRG Meeting December 4, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

- VIII. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by David Greene at 4:00 PM and introductions were made by everyone in attendance. LTRG Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey wasn't able to make it to the meeting and asked David Greene to fill-in in her absence.

Attendees

Deputy Chief David A. Greene, CCFR
Danielle Murdaugh, CCFR
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Mark McCain, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Jeneane Ryan, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Sara Smoot, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
John Burns, Walterboro Lions Club
Bill Arnold, Walterboro Lions Club
Donna Lamb, Colleton County Economic Alliance
Mark Arkus, Town of Edisto Beach
Todd Musselman, Red Cross
Willie Rabb, LTRG
Libbi Myers, LTRG
Marsha Ulmer, LTRG

Excused absence: Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chair

Excused absence: Bob Tiegs, LTRG

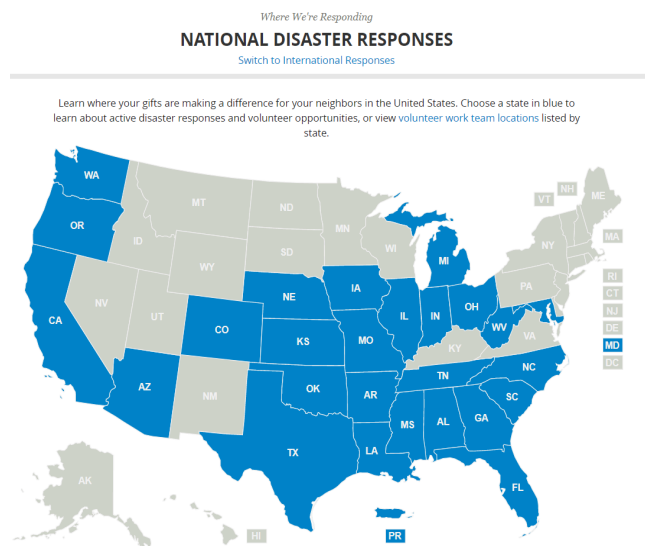
IX. Appearances and Presentations:

David Greene welcomed our guest speakers, Mark McCain and Jeneane Ryan with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Mark McCain spoke first on what the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program has to offer. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

PDA mission goals are to focus on the long-term recovery of disasters that impact communities. PDA provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods. They also work collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith-based responders. PDA also connects with partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response, some of these partners could include; United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

The picture below are the locations(in blue) that PDA provided assistance to last year.



PCA believes in the one, ten, ten rule. Mark McCain explained that with every incident, you multiply it by the number of days of response, which gives you a short term response. You then multiply that times ten, if you're responding for six days, six times that 60 days is gonna be short term recovery, and times another 10 will be 600 days, which takes it now into long term recovery.

PCA is not there at the beginning. They don't do chainsaws, they don't provide muck and gut. They are there for emotional and spiritual care. In South Carolina, there are 70 plus volunteers who are currently serving on the national response team. They respond to domestic disasters both natural and human caused. These teams have training and experience in disaster response and are able to deploy in collaboration with the presbytery and interfaith partners. The teams are made up of doctors, psychiatrists, sociologists, ministers, and 65% of our teams are ministers. They also work with Crisis Cleanup as an operator.

Jeneane Ryan presented next.

Jeneane Ryan is over the SC PDA team, there are six members of this team and they fall under the PDA commission. There are 5 presbyteries and 327 congregations. These presbyteries work in urban areas, agricultural areas, where population density is different, and economic development is scarce.

The PDA has several grant programs.

The \$5,000 Church Damage Grant support:

- Continuation of ministry.
- Only when validated by the presbytery.
- Not intended as a substitute for insurance or insurance deductible.
- \$25,000 per year maximum awards.

The \$7,500 Presbytery Initial Assistance Grant

- To provide immediate financial support to the Presbytery's response to the needs of the community in the wake of the disaster.
- These funds are used in a variety of ways depending on the needs in the community and the gaps left by other responding agencies and groups.
- In one disaster funds were used to buy and distribute plastic sheeting to cover the belongings of survivors.
- In another funds were used to pay for items left off the supply truck from the Red Cross.

The Seed Grants

- Supporting host site development.
- Funds project materials to get a program started.

The Special Project Grants

- Long-term recovery infrastructure
- Building materials
- Presbytery disaster coordinators

In 2023 PDA has awarded \$3.1 million in grants across the globe. 1,143 work team volunteers helped to rebuild communities impacted by disasters, and 112 National Response Team members deployed to 29 presbyteries.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

Jeneane Ryan presented the LTRG with a check for \$5,000 from the PDA Seed Grant Application that was submitted.

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- X. Approval of Minutes
 - A. David Greene asked if any changes were required for the minutes from the last meeting (September 4, 2025). Hearing none, Carla Harvey made a motion they be accepted as prepared. Willie Rabb seconded the motion and it passed without dissent
- XI. Old Business
 - A. Tropical Storm Debby Recovery Efforts- David Greene expressed that Danielle Murdaugh had been able to dwindle the recovery numbers from close to 300 homes to 8 homes that are still in need of repair.
- XII. New Business
 - A. Fund Distribution, Contractors, Material Fund Disbursement, LTRG Individual Recovery List - David Greene turned it over to Danielle Murdaugh to discuss all remaining needs of the additional homes left from TS Debby. Danielle advised that she invited Billy Cain who is a contractor in Colleton County. Danielle advised that there are 8 homes that are still in need of repairs, 5 of them being in need of major repairs. Billy Cain advised that he would be happy to look at the homes and see what he would be able to do for the residence. Discussion was had as a group of priorities and what homes should be considered first. Danielle expressed that she would really like to give these homeowners some good news for Christmas, even if the repairs can be completed by then at least some hope that we are one step closer to getting them back into their homes. Marsha Ulmer made a motion to proceed with using the LTRG funds toward a contractor to complete home repairs on the remaining homes from TS Debby, John Burns second the motion. David Greene advised that the motion would be discussed with Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey for further approval, no additional meeting would be required if she approves.
- XIII. Future Speakers and Goals - Mr. Mark McCain with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance recommended Mark Weller with Methodist-UMCOR or the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.
- XIV. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM. The next regular LTRG meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2025 at 4:00 PM virtual and in person meeting.

LTRG Meeting September 4, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

XV. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Mary Kaye Bailey at 4:00 PM

Attendees

Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chair

Eric Turner, SCEMD

Marsha Ulmer, LTRG
Kaela Brinson, LTRG
Mark McCain, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Captain KC Campbell, CCFR
Danielle Murdaugh, CCFR
Deputy Chief David A. Greene, CCFR
Bob Tiegs, LTRG
Sara Smoot, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Libbi Myers, LTRG
Rick Burkey, Southern Baptists Disaster Relief

Excused absence: Willie Rabb

- XVI. Mr. Rick Burkey, Southern Baptist Regional Coordinator for Region 6 Disaster Relief, was working in the field and was going to call in late. Chairperson Bailey continued through the agenda with approval of the minutes for the June 5, 2024 meeting. David Greene made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared and Bob Tiegs seconded the motion. There was no dissent.

XVII. Old Business

- A. Fundraising was discussed. Chairperson Bailey stated she had been in contact with several organizations since the last meeting. The only follow up she has received was from Samantha Jones with Coastal Electric. Ms. Jones stated that they cannot contribute funds to another organization, but maintain a fund within Coastal Electric that can assist those in need. Ms. Jones asked for referrals of disaster survivors.
- B. Bob Tiegs asked for copies of the LTRG flyer to distribute to organizations that he interacts with and Danielle Murdaugh stated she would email them out with the minutes.

XVIII. New Business

- A. Tropical Storm Debby (Recovery Funds Available) - David Greene and Danielle Murdaugh discussed the potential for LTRG distributions to residents that experienced damage from Tropical Storm Debby. David Greene described the disaster declaration process and the fact that in years past, the LTRG distributed funds after FEMA assistance programs were exhausted.
- B. Individual Recovery Sheets - David Greene and Danielle Murdaugh presented the Individual Recovery Sheets that track every reported residence with damage. The presence of insurance and whether the residence is a primary, owner-occupied home or not is recorded along with additional information (damage level, type of damage, etc.). David Greene mentioned that the Southern Baptists Disaster Relief and Team Rubicon had a number of personnel assisting multiple residents in the impacted areas.
- C. Coastal Community Foundation Grant - Chairperson Bailey stated that the LTRG received a \$12,000 grant from the Coastal Community Foundation and that it was available to assist disaster survivors.

XIX. Appearances and Presentations - Mr. Rick Burkey called into the meeting from the field and stated that he was working with crews assisting those along the Edisto River corridor that were impacted by the torrential rain that was dropped by TS Debby. In response, SC Baptist Disaster Relief established two response sites from which mud-out units could work in the affected areas. One site was established at Memorial Baptist Church in St. George, SC and is being managed by SCBDR, while the second site was located in Walterboro, at Bedon Baptist Church. That site was managed by Alabama Disaster Relief. An SC shower/laundry unit from Saluda Assoc/ Shady Grove Baptist Church supported this site. Unfortunately, several cases of COVID two weeks after opening caused Alabama DR to shut down the site to prevent further spread. All open cases were transferred over to the South Carolina Crew working in St. George. Mr. Burkey expressed that the SBDR have completed over 100 homes with 20 homes still pending work that needs to be done.

Mr. Burkey stated that Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) has the following attributes:

- A. SBDR is staffed by volunteers from various parts of South Carolina, but can call in other states when necessary. He noted that an Alabama contingent had been operating in the Edisto River corridor early in the incident.
- B. SBDR has mud out and chainsaw units. Their goal for mud out/tear outs is to make the home in a state where a contractor can begin repair work. Usually that involves removing walls, floors, etc. and spraying "Shockwave" mold remover.
- C. SBDR also has a Meal Service unit that can provide up to 5,000 meals a day for 2-3 weeks, if needed.
- D. SBDR's website is <http://scbaptists.org/dr>
- E. They conduct training in the Fall and in the Spring (next training is in October). All of their personnel have background checks and renew their badges every three years. They also have a local training session for cooking in a few weeks in Ridgeland.
- F. SBDR is able to respond at the local level and does not require a national approval to deploy. However, national coordination is required when other states will be brought in to assist with recovery efforts.
- G. Support units also make it possible for the mud-out units to stay on site to serve, some of the support units are shower/laundry units, and feeding teams from various parts of the state.
- H. SBDR volunteers are trained in a specific field; such as mud out training or chainsaw training. If a church wants to send volunteers from the church to help the SBDR teams will partner them to work under the trained volunteers through SBDR.

The Baptist Disaster Relief strives to bring help, hope, and healing after a crisis.

XX. Future Speakers and Goals - Chairperson Bailey asked about future speakers. Danielle Murdaugh stated that they did not have anyone lined up for the next LTRG meeting. Mr.

Mark McCain with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance offered to be the presenter for the next meeting.

- XXI. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM. The next regular LTRG meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Additional meetings will be announced, if needed, in response to the ongoing recovery efforts from Tropical Storm Debby.

LTRG Meeting June 5, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Mary Kay Bailey at 4:00 PM.

Attendees

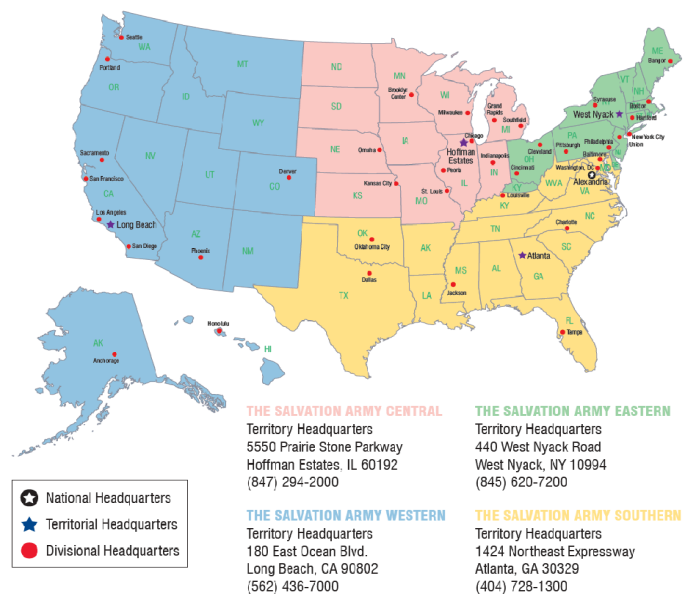
Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chairperson

Deputy Chief David Greene, Emergency Manager, CCFR
Willie Rabb, LTRG
Sara Smoot, Lowcountry Community Foundation
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Kaela Brinson, Colleton County Council Clerk
Danielle Murdaugh, Colleton County Fire Rescue
Mike Patterson, The Salvation Army
Todd Musselman, American Red Cross
Michele Dejonghe-Hill, American Red Cross
Bob Tieg, American Legion
Michele Corkum, Catholic Charities of South Carolina
Mark Aakhus, Town of Edisto Beach

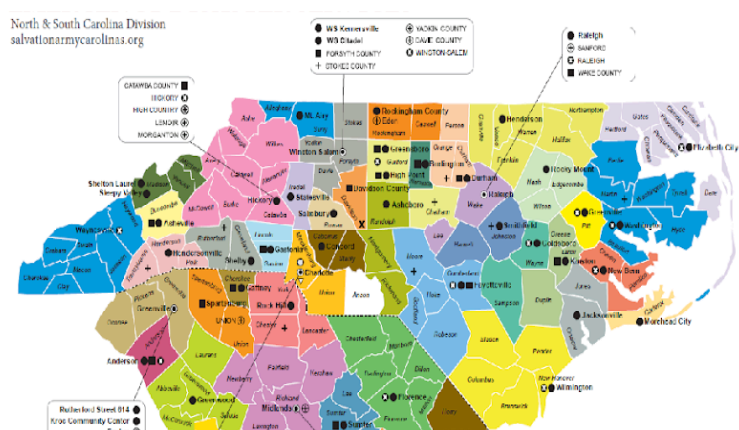
I. Appearances and Presentations

Mike Patterson with The Salvation Army presented on what their core capabilities are after a disaster.

The Salvation Army is an international movement, it is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible, and its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. They are based out of Alexandria, Virginia. The United States is divided into four territories, the central, eastern, western and southern.



Mike Patterson's responsibilities are the two Carolinas, South and North. The colors in the map represent the different corps service areas. Examples would be Beaufort covers Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper and Charleston covers



Berkeley and Dorchester. Majors Wanda and Robert Long are the point of contact for the Beaufort corps service area. The mobile kitchen units are shown on the map; some of the units are feeding units, and some of the units are mobile kitchens which means they have food preparation capabilities. Also some of the units have the capabilities to be able to complete bulk distribution items. Typically they can provide 1-500 meals without replenishment. The nearest mobile unit to Colleton County would be located in Charleston, other counties in South Carolina with a mobile kitchen unit would include Columbia, Florence, Georgetown, Conway and Anderson. The Salvation Army strives to maintain cooperative relationships with emergency management partners through organizational and structure at the county, state and federal levels.

While each disaster creates its own unique circumstances and special needs, Salvation Army disaster relief efforts focus on several core services. These core services are as follow:

1. Food and Services: When disaster strikes, The Salvation Army quickly mobilizes to provide food and drinks to survivors and rescue workers. A hot meal, a warm cup of coffee, or a cold bottle of water are often the first expressions of care to someone whose life has been turned upside down. The closest Salvation Army canteen vehicle is in Charleston.
2. Emotional and Spiritual Care: Many disaster survivors and first responders experience emotional distress after a traumatic event such as a disaster. The Salvation Army deploys specially trained individuals to offer emotional and spiritual care to rescue workers and disaster survivors who may need a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on or a word of encouragement. Emotional and Spiritual Care workers are also able to answer questions about the disaster recovery process and how to find and receive services.
3. Emergency Financial Assistance: After a survivor has lost everything, The Salvation Army provides gift cards and vouchers to help purchase and replace the things they need most such as food, clothing, child and baby care items, prescription medications, and supplies to clean and repair homes.
4. Donations Management: After a disaster, The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services identifies needs in affected communities and partners with donors to responsibly collect, transport, and distribute critically needed supplies to survivors. For donations management to work efficiently it is important to know specifically what is being asked for and what is not being asked for because once it is made public it becomes labor intensive. They also have the capabilities to help ESF-18 Donated Good and Volunteer Services understand the process, so that the operation works smoothly after a disaster.
5. Emergency Supply Distribution: Salvation Army disaster warehouses are stocked with critical emergency relief supplies such as food, water, cleaning products, baby supplies, and hygiene items that can be quickly delivered and distributed to disaster survivors.
6. Long Term Recovery: Disaster recovery may take years. The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services works with government, charitable, and private-sector partners to promote community resilience and help survivors rebuild and return to normalcy.

7. Training/Education: The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services provides information and training to help people protect themselves against the impact of disasters and offers an extensive training program of specialized courses for disaster workers.

The Salvation Army will assess the needs of each community so that they can understand the obstacles, hardships and challenges, because every disaster is local and every disaster is different locally. They pride themselves on being the go to for food services, emergency assistance, social service connectivity and case management in times of disasters.

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I. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Mary Kay Bailey asked if any changes were required for the minutes from the last meeting (March 6, 2024). Hearing none, David Greene made a motion they be accepted as prepared. Michele DeJonghe-Hill seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

II. Old Business

The group discussed fundraising. David Greene advised that the last donation received was in December 2022 and the current balance is \$4,138.02. Sara Smoot shared some items that she compiled for helping to increase fundraising funds. Sara recommend establishing a task force/committee to develop the following:

- Clear intent (purpose to raise funds)
- What is the goal amount to raise?
- Branding (Logo). Social media.
- Who is running the Colleton Fire & Rescue pages? Could they assist?
- Rob Ennamarato is our marketing director at CFL. CFL can set up a link on your social media to our donate page – or create a QR code on outreach material
- Getting recognized in the community. Create a presentation. Take it to civic (ex. Rotary), faith based organizations, or private Foundations. Partnering with other organizations in your area (ex. set up a table at a baseball night or festival events (Rice Festival)
- Reach out to prior Donors. Call or send a mailing or email blast. Tell them how their funds were spent.

- Apply for a Grant(s) – SC Farm Bureau, Coastal Electric Coop Operation Roundup, National or SC Realtor's Foundation (with a history of supporting disaster victims). Coastal Community Foundation.
- CFL does accept donations of other assets – Ex. donated land or gun collection, etc. CFL can liquidate those assets.
- For Foundations, Donor-Advised Funds and Corporations - Center for Disaster Philanthropy Offers consulting services: We offer foundations, corporations and individuals a suite of client-centered strategies to increase the impact of disaster-related giving.

American Red Cross Follow up: Mary Kaye Bailey advised that after our last meeting she made contact with the American Red Cross about coming out to Colleton County First Step to present at their group connection meeting that they have once a month. One employee and two volunteers came from the American Red Cross, they divided the adults and children. The children were given hands-on activities to complete and the adults were given information on; what to do; how to prepare and the importance of having a plan. They also completed a mini CPR session with the adults.

III. New Business

Membership: David Greene advised to continue to reach out to churches and volunteer organizations to try to increase the membership.

2024 Hurricane Season: The National Hurricane Center predicts an 85% chance of an above normal 2024 hurricane season.

Hurricane Preparedness: David Greene spoke on the zone changes, advising that Edisto Beach will remain zone A and then it breaks at the Brickyard Bridge. David Greene stressed the importance of the new zone information being shared with the public as much as possible, also encouraging the public to have a plan for their family, their pets and their medical needs.

IV. Discussion

The group discussed future speakers and goals. Danielle Murdaugh mentioned having someone from the Baptist Association speak at the next meeting, but also revisiting some of the past speakers.

V. Next Meeting

The next LTRG meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Colleton EOC and virtually over Google Meet.

VIII. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Danielle Murdaugh

LTRG Meeting March 6, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by David Greene at 4:00 PM.

Attendees

Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chairperson
Deputy Chief David Greene, Emergency Manager, CCFR
Captain KC Campbell, CCFR
Willie Rabb
Sara Smoot, Lowcountry Community Foundation
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Kaela Brinson, Colleton County Council Clerk
Annette Girman, Team Rubicon
Eric Turner, SCEMD
Marvin Jones
Brittany Rubin, ARC

Excused Absence - Danielle Murdaugh
Excused Absence - Donna Lamb

- II. **Appearances and Presentations**

Annette Girman with Team Rubicon presented on Team Rubicon's Capabilities

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during and after disasters and crises. Their vision is to support humanity and build resiliency for vulnerable communities across the globe. Team Rubicon started with two marines, Jake Wood and William McNulty. They responded to a call to go to Haiti back in 2010, and they only had a team of 4, but wanted a team of 8. So they reached out to several of their marine buddies and didn't get a response except for one friend that was a first responder, a firefighter, that reached out to find out what they needed. This first responder was able to get enough volunteers to complete the team of 8, and because of that first responder, Team Rubicon became what it is today. During their time in Haiti Team Rubicon treated thousands of patients in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, weeks before large scale aid organizations could establish their recovery efforts. Team Rubicon is the only disaster organization that repurposes the skills of military veterans while providing them an opportunity to continue their service by

providing them a renewed sense of purpose, community, and identity. The south branch of Team Rubicon is made up of 52% Veterans, 7% Active Duty Military and 41% Civilians which is a total of 49,526 volunteers. Team Rubicon's operational planning team relies on the CDC Social Vulnerability Index(SVI), which allows them to identify communities that need help the most.

The Core Capabilities consist of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Team Rubicon can provide a variety of capabilities and services at no cost, to at risk homeowners that have been affected by a disaster and some of those are as follow;

- Core Ops and Residential Debris Sorting and Placing
- Route Clearing
- Expedient Home Repair
- Staff Augmentation EOC Support Logistics Positions
- Sawyer Work
- Damage Assessment
- VRC Management
- Volunteer Support for Service Projects and Rebuilds
- Fire Mitigation
- Flood Mitigation
- Coastline Mitigation

When Team Rubicon is deployed to a scene they are equipped with all the resources they need to complete the job. They also maintain the records of volunteers, hours worked, and work orders to assist local, county, state and tribal governments in applying for federal and public assistance grants.

During Hurricane Ida Team Rubicon completed "Operation Tulane Blacktop" in LA where they successfully removed physical debris that prevented survivors from accessing roadways to reach critical services such as food, water, shelter and medical treatment. They were able to clear 12 roads, in those 12 roads there were 11 hospitals, 49 Pharmacies, 36 fire stations, 19 EMS stations and 13 police stations that they were able to give access to the public.

Team Rubicon follows a Resilient Community Strategy and they look at disasters start and end locally and the goal is to recruit, organize, equip and train relief teams to effectively save lives, protect properties and get individuals back home safely.

Non-Emergency Community Needs that Team Rubicon can assist with;

- Route Clearance
- Communication-Crisis Cleanup, Site Surveys, Homeowner Interactions, Food, Shelter and Supplies
- Assessments-Roof Tarping, Debris Removal(Exterior and Interior)
- Strike Team Strategic Deployment
- EOC/IMT-Update on community needs and completed tasks

Team Rubicon follows the ICS structure, and they encourage all of their volunteers to complete the required courses so they can be familiar with incident command.

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III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

David Greene asked if any changes were required for the minutes from the last meeting (December 6, 2023). Hearing none, KC Campbell made a motion they be accepted as prepared. Willie Rabb seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

IV. Old Business

The group discussed fundraising. David Greene advised that the last donation received was in December 2022. That was the only donation in 2022 and there were only 3 donations in 2021. Sara Smoot advised that she will look into what was maybe done in the past to help boost fundraising, will keep fundraising on old business and will touch back on it at the next meeting.

V. New Business

Ellison Smith went over the new updates with disaster assistance through FEMA and distributed a flyer that covers the changes to FEMA's IA process, including no longer requiring SBA loan applications to access IA grants. Ellison also informed the group of the new IA Officer Jessica Haygood through SCEMD. David Greene advised that the current LTRG fund balance is \$4,138.02. David Greene spoke on increasing the membership.

VI. Discussion

The group discussed future speakers and goals. David Greene mentioned that Danielle Murdaugh may have someone lined up, but also maybe revisiting some of the past speakers.

VII. Next Meeting

The next LTRG meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Colleton EOC and virtually over Google Meet.

VIII. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Danielle Murdaugh

FEMA Reforms Disaster Assistance to Help Survivors

To help survivors recover faster, FEMA will make significant updates to its Individual Assistance Program

Coming Soon!
Changes go into effect for disasters declared on or after March 22, 2024



Establish New Benefits

■ Standardizing Serious Needs Assistance

FEMA is standardizing assistance for serious needs by making a \$750 payment available in all disasters receiving Individual Assistance, for eligible households to access essential items like, food, water, baby formula and other emergency supplies.

■ Create Displacement Assistance

This new form of assistance is designed for survivors that cannot return to their home following a disaster and provides them financial assistance they can use flexibly to pay for their immediate housing needs. It will provide eligible survivors with up-front funds to assist with immediate housing options of their choice until they are able to secure a rental option to focus on their long-term recovery.



Cut Red Tape and Expand Eligibility

■ Simplify Other Needs Assistance

FEMA will no longer require survivors to apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan before being considered for certain types of assistance. Survivors now have the option to apply for a low-interest SBA loan at the same time they apply for FEMA assistance.

■ Help Underinsured Survivors

Survivors who receive an insurance payment for damage to their home may be eligible to receive assistance from FEMA to help them cover aspects of home repair that insurance companies won't pay for, but they can't afford on their own up to the full \$42,500.

■ Expand Habitability Criteria

Survivors who need to fix a disaster-damaged area of their home may qualify for FEMA support so the home is in a safe and sanitary condition, to include home repair regardless of pre-existing conditions of the disaster-damaged area. For example, if an already leaky roof was further damaged by a disaster, it may be eligible for repairs required to bring it back to a working condition.

■ Make Accessibility Improvements

Survivors with disabilities or medical conditions may now be eligible to improve their living conditions by making their homes even more accessible than they were pre-disaster.

■ Simplifying Assistance for Entrepreneurs

FEMA may provide self-employed survivors with some initial financial support to replace disaster-damaged tools and equipment, or other items required for a specific trade or profession.

■ Expanding Assistance for Computing Devices

Eligible survivors may now receive assistance for a personal or family computer that is damaged by a disaster. They may also receive assistance for additional computers required for work, school or access and functional needs.



Simplify the Application Process

■ Streamline Temporary Housing Assistance Applications

FEMA is reducing documentation requirements for applicants seeking continued temporary housing assistance. Individual caseworkers will engage closely with survivors to offer support and increase transparency.

■ Remove Barriers for Late Applicants

Survivors requesting approval for a late application no longer have to provide documentation supporting the reason for their late application.

■ Simplify the Process for Appeals

Survivors who wish to appeal FEMA's decisions will no longer need to provide a signed, written appeal letter to accompany the supporting documentation.

"The limitations on federal assistance have frustrated survivors and delayed recovery for far too long. FEMA was determined to remedy this situation and help reach more people"

– FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell



FEMA

LTRG Meeting December 6, 2023 @ 4:00 PM

VIII. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by LTRG Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey at 4:00 PM.

Attendees

Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chairperson
David Greene, Deputy Chief/Emergency Manager, CCFR
Danielle Murdaugh, CCFR
KC Campbell, CCFR
Willie Rabb
Brittany Rubin, American Red Cross
Mark Aakhus, Town of Edisto Beach
Eric Turner, SCEMD

IX. Appearances and Presentations

Brittany Rubin with the American Red Cross (ARC) presented on ARC Capabilities

ARC provides a number of services to disaster victims. ARC provides the following services:

- Sheltering Services during disasters
- Feeding Services at both fixed sites and utilizing mobile feeding
- Relief supplies such as cleanup kits and comfort kits
- Initial Damage Assessment
- Individual Disaster Care including mental health and spiritual care
- Recovery Case Work including
 - Single family after a fire
 - Multiple families after multi-family dwelling fires
 - Multiple families after a disaster
 - Financial assistance through both electronic means or cards
 - Shelter transition including transportation if necessary
- Bridge Assistance Program - Long-term recovery when funds are available

90% of ARC's workforce are volunteers. Response to local home fires provides follow up for 30-45 days.

ARC offers Preparedness services such as partnering with local fire departments to provide smoke alarm installations and providing educational sessions for disaster preparedness

ARC also has a Red Cross App available from their website (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps.html>) that can provide guides and emergency alerts during disasters

ARC specializes in short-term to mid-term recovery but also provides long-term recovery when larger disasters occur.

Mary Kaye Bailey discussed partnering with ARC to provide school district clients preparedness information and will follow up with Brittany Rubin after the meeting.

David Greene commented that there is likely no other disaster relief agency that the county relies on more than ARC. From post-fire assistance, sheltering during disasters, and the smoke alarm installation partnership, ARC continually provides Colleton County citizens with disaster relief.

X. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Mary Kaye Bailey asked if any changes were required for the minutes from the last meeting (September 6, 2023). Hearing none, David Greene made a motion they be accepted as prepared. Willie Rabb seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

XI. Old Business

The group discussed fundraising. Mary Kaye Bailey stated that the current balance in the LTRG fund is \$4,159.04. David Greene stated he would follow up with Emmy Rooney at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry regarding the fund.

XII. New Business

David Greene discussed the new hurricane evacuation zones. They were publicly announced at the County Council meeting on the evening of December 5, 2023. The two hurricane evacuation zones in 2023 will be changed to three zones (Zones A, B, and C) in 2024. More information will be provided to the public after the first of the year.

Mary Kaye Bailey polled the group regarding the time that LTRG meetings should be held and the consensus was to keep the meeting at 4:00 PM until further notice.

XIII. Discussion

The group discussed future speakers and goals. David Greene mentioned that Mr. Leroy Wentz with Samaritan's Purse had reached out regarding assisting Colleton citizens. David Greene will coordinate with Mr. Wentz to present at the next LTRG meeting.

XIV. Next Meeting

The next LTRG meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Colleton EOC and virtually over Google Meet.

XV. Adjournment

Mary Kaye Bailey asked if there were any additional items for the good of the group and hearing none, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by David A. Greene, Deputy Chief/Emergency Manager

LTRG Meeting September 6, 2023 @ 2:30 PM

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by LTRG Chairperson Mary Kaye Bailey at 2:30 PM.

Attendees

Mary Kaye Bailey, LTRG Chairperson
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Danielle Murdaugh, CCFR
Kenneth Campbell, Captain, CCFR
Kaela Brinson, Colleton County Council Clerk
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Michele Corkum, Catholic Charity of SC
Cheryl Ruggles, Aiken County VOAD
Mark Aarkus-Town of Edisto

II. Appearances and Presentations

Aaron Titus with Crisis Cleanup was welcomed as guest speaker.

Crisis Cleanup's collaborative disaster work order system allows organizations after a disaster to input cases that need to be claimed by Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD's). These cases could include trees down, debris removal, mold removal, etc. and are on private property where the government cannot work. Once the cases are entered into the database they are color coded to show which cases are unclaimed, claimed, in progress, partly done and closed. This database allows all relief organizations to see the entire picture and work together. It also provides government partners situational awareness on damages in their communities.

Coordinating after a disaster is challenging, volunteers arriving need to know who needs help and where to go, with the crisis cleanup work order system the confusion is eliminated. Crisiscleanup.org connects relief organizations with the people that need help by taking a "craigslist" approach. Organizations that have a need enter the information in the system then organizations with capacity help can match their capabilities to the existing needs. By organizations using the system, tens of thousands volunteers from hundreds of organizations go straight to work, and each organization knows where the other is working. This allows for communication and coordination to be seamless.

Any local or national recovery organization can use Crisis Cleanup free of charge. Crisis Cleanup does not require any declaration requirement, their only request is that volunteer organizations use it. If the incident is large enough and there are an active amount of volunteers, then Crisis Cleanup would open up a hotline for the public to call to request help. This hotline is just for survivors, because they don't have access to the disaster work order system. With each disaster a new hotline number is created, and the community volunteers manage the hotline. Crisis Cleanup may need assistance with staffing the hotline.

Just recently Crisis Cleanup has launched an app, where volunteers can create an account and log in, and then take their phones or tablets into the field with no internet connection and access damages and upload pictures, and then sync the information to the Crisis Cleanup dashboard. This app allows survivors to check the status of their location along with upload photos or add notes, currently the survivor engagement rate through the app is at 96%, and 73,000 photos have been uploaded within the past year.

There are 2,800 VOAD organizations that currently use the Crisis Cleanup database.

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III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Danielle Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared and David Greene seconded the motion, there was no opposition.

IV. Old Business

Fundraising

David Greene advised that the current long-term recovery fund is administered by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. In order for the fund to be tax deductible it can not have a predetermined recipient group. Meaning that the funds are allocated to contractors and not individuals within the county. The most important part of this fund is in post-disaster, the main goal is to make sure that the funding stays in Colleton County, so that at a time of disaster we have the funding available to help buy supplies for organizations. Mary Kaye Bailey suggested going through her church to see about adding it to the church bulletin so that the people of the church would be able donate or volunteer towards the LTRG.

V. New Business

2023 Hurricane Season

David Greene discussed the impacts the county experienced during Hurricane Idalia. The track took it through Ritter, Neyles and Ions Crossroads. It caused significant damage to the west and significant damage to the east, but there was a corridor of no damage in the middle. The beach received several feet of storm surge associated with the high tide on a full moon. There were 170 reports of damage. The EOC was staffed for 24 hours on Wednesday August 30, 2023. David Greene also spoke of Hurricane Lee which could potentially form into a Cat. 5. The long term models show it turning to the right going through Bermuda and the east coast. Fire-Rescue will continue to monitor the storm.

VI. Discussion

Future Speakers & Goals

David Greene spoke on reevaluating the VOAD list to see who can speak at the next meeting. He said that he and Danielle Murdaugh would get together and discuss it with the Chair before the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting - December 6, 2023 at 2:30 PM Virtual

VII. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM

LTRG Meeting June 7, 2023 @ 2:30 PM

II. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by David Greene at 2:30 PM.

Attendees

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR

Danielle Murdaugh, CCFR

Kenneth Campbell, Captain, CCFR

Karla Daddieco

Kaela Brinson, Colleton County Council Clerk

Greg Strader, World Renew

Ellison Smith, SCEMD

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Mr. Larry Stoner, Mennonite Disaster Services

Mr. Rick Berry, Walton Options

Mary Kaye Bailey

Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer

Donna Lamb, Colleton County Economic Alliance

Ed Glover, AccessAbility

II. Appearances and Presentations

Mr. Larry Stoner with Mennonite Disaster Services - Region 1 (Maine to Florida and includes Puerto Rico) - Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) started in 1950 with the goal to help restore hope for survivors of disasters. MDS responds to disasters, rebuild homes, and restore hope by organizing and empowering volunteers in the U.S. and Canada. MDS has over 6000 volunteers in the US and Canada. They are proficient in muck out work, and rebuilding. Many of their volunteers come from out of state, and will often need accommodations(vacant church, kitchen bathrooms, parking, sleeping quarters, etc.).

Volunteers are good at early response work such as cleaning up from flooding, muck out work, removing insulation from crawl spaces, and tearing down sheetrock. MDS also has volunteers with rebuilding experience. MDS does not excel with case management and donations management.

MDS values meaningful work and rebuilding houses for those that do not have the resources to do that. When rebuilding homes the MDS will reach out to other organizations for the purchase of materials, they will often connect with other VOAD organizations to fund those materials.

They are currently working in 3 different locations, one in Maryland from the 2022 flooding, the homes there are low lying homes and are often impacted by the flooding from the Chesapeake Bay, another one in Virginia rebuilding homes, and in Florida they are still doing cleanup and repairs from Hurricane Ian.

January, February and March are usually the busiest time for MDS, due to the amount of volunteers that are willing to help. MDS did 17 sites in March.

If the services of the MDS are needed then Mr. Larry Stoner would be the point of contact his information is as follows:717-823-7515 - Mr. Larry Stoner - lstoner@mds.org

MDS is not part of the immediate response, their goal is to get organized and get there as quickly as possible. Two things that will end MDS participation would be no more clients, lack of funding for supplies, finding meaningful work or no volunteers available

Mike Patterson with the state VOAD - coordinating efforts with state VOAD - from MDS

Mr. Rick Berry with Walton Options opened with introducing Ed Glover from AssessAbility, A Bridge to Independence. Mr. Glover covered the Coastal Alliance of Centers for Independent Living (CIL's). The Coastal Alliance of CIL's is a newly formed coalition and they advocate for the independence of people with disabilities in coastal communities of South Carolina and Georgia during planning and recovery assistance from disaster. Coastal Alliance of CIL's have 403 centers nationwide and SC has 3 CIL's counties.

During their preparedness phase they offer information and referrals, peer support, independent living skills training, systems and individual advocacy, and transition. During the response phase they offer emergency preparedness outreach, distribution of refurbished durable medical equipment, and ADA assessments. Another part of their response phase is warning the public and providing information to the public on evacuation health and shelter technical assistance, with this they also deliver just-in-time training to shelter staff and individual evacuees during sheltering operations. The last phase is the recovery phase they collaborate to meet immediate needs, and distribute emergency supplies, and facilitate short and long term recovery

The Coastal Alliance of CIL have just recently acquired an Emergency Response Trailer that can be moved into all service regions that are in need of assistance; it is a 16 ft. trailer with generators and equipment specific to those with disabilities. This is deployed during the start of an emergency or presidential emergency declaration.

1 in 4 or 1 in 3 persons are eligible for resources from Centers for Independent Living - does not require a diagnosis, or a referral. The only thing that they require in a self declaration that states a person has a disability that affects their daily living.

Walton Options, as part of the CIL's, serve 16 counties in Georgia and 10 counties in South Carolina. They help promote equality, inclusion and independence through personal choice, personal responsibility, community access, education and employment. Their goal is to help each person find and utilize the necessary, available resources on their personal journey to independence.

Both Walton Options, and AccessAbility are part of the Coastal Alliance of Centers for Independent Living (CIL's) Team.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Kenneth Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared and Danielle Murdaugh seconded the motion, there was no opposition.

IV. Old Business

Fundraising

David Greene advised that grant funding would have to go to a specific project and could not be placed in the current long-term recovery fund. We want to make sure that the funding stays in Colleton County, so that at a time of disaster we have the funding available to help buy supplies for organizations such MDS. No additional funds or donations have been received per Julie Jones. Original amount in the fund was \$14,375, of that amount \$9,696 granted out and then the last disbursement was in 2022 towards the Lemacks Street tornado damage, that current balance is \$4,210. David Greene stated for us to think about other fundraising ideas that we can do to have the funds available before a disaster.

Organizational Leadership

Mary Bailey volunteered to serve as the LTRG Chairperson and primary fund advisor

Karla Daddieco volunteered to serve as alternate fund advisor

David Greene will advise the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in writing of the two new fund advisors. Fund advisors are those that can authorize expenditures from the LTRG fund.

V. New Business

2023 Hurricane Season

Discussion was held regarding the National Hurricane Center's Cone of Uncertainty and the fact that you don't have to be in the cone to have impacts from a hurricane

VI. Discussion

Future Speakers & Goals

David Greene spoke on reevaluating the VOAD list to see who can speak at the next meeting, Ellison Smith advised that he has a couple of new partners and will send David Greene the list of contacts.

VII. Next Meeting - September 6, 2023 at 2:30 PM Virtual (unless a better time)

VII. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM

LTRG Meeting March 1, 2023 @ 2:30 PM

III. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by David Greene at 2:30 PM.

Attendees

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR

Danielle Murdaugh, CCFR

Kenneth Campbell, Captain, CCFR

Karla Daddieco

Mark Aakhus, Town of Edisto

Kaela Brinson, Colleton County

Greg Strader, World Renew

Ellison Smith, SCEMD

Pat Grant, LTRG

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

II. Appearances and Presentations

Mr. Greg Strader is the Regional Manager with World Renew and presented on World Renew Disaster Response Services capabilities. World Renew is a faith based organization to support the needy.

World Renew has more than 2,000 volunteers that give over 200,000 hours each year. As an organization, World Renew works almost exclusively through long-term recovery groups. World Renew depends on local partnership. They don't do early response and cleanup as well as Baptists and Team Rubicon, but are a great resource to come in after the others are done.

World Renew provides spiritual care, networking, scout needs and provides guidance to Long-Term Recovery Groups. Rapid response (muck out, tear out work) is a capability that World Renew can do and probably at a later stage that is not part of the initial crisis. Weeks or

a month after a disaster, can perform debris removal, mucking out, tarp roofs, chainsaw work. World Renew has some heavy equipment that can help support long-term operations.

Can perform an unmet needs assessment for survivors (triage needs) which is World Renew's specialty. LTRG would need to respond within 24 hours if World Renew identifies a life hazard to a survivor. This is part of the MOA that LTRG would sign with World Renew. At the end of unmet needs assessment, World Renew hands off a database of survivors, estimated repair costs, repairs needed, etc. Six plus months after a disaster is when the unmet needs assessment can be conducted - interview survivors, triage urgent and non-urgent needs, catalog household, financial, emotional, and physical needs, and then hand off to a case management agency. World Renew has volunteer contractors and architects that help in building estimating (cost of materials, cost of labor, information provided to local organization and can be used for fundraising/planning) as long as the resource is available (the resource is not dedicated to another incident). World Renew Managed Sites - can provide materials and supplies. Provide home construction from 9 months to years after the disaster (case management and materials provided by local organizations.)

How do we at Colleton County request the help of Would Renew? Contact Greg Strade either by cell phone or email to deploy World Renew.

Ellison Smith with SCEMD - Every quarter the SC VOAD holds a LTRG Roundtable meeting. Gives everyone an opportunity to network and give updates. At those meetings, SCEMD will offer resource and best practices updates. David asked Ellison to go into detail of the roles of SCEMD during a disaster. At the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), move from preparedness to response to recovery. Once damage assessments are completed, move to short-term recovery (sheltering for those that cannot return home), debris clearing, and then after a few weeks, move to long-term recovery. SCEMD/SEOC would coordinate with LTRG to identify residential damages that have not been resolved, utilities repair, etc. Keep repeating case management/reviews until needs have been met.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - December 7, 2022

Pat Grant make a motion to approve the minutes, and Karla Daddieco 2nd the motion - passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

Fundraising -

Karla Daddieco asked about grant funding. David and Ellison stated that the grant funding is tied to a particular incident and a particular project. Grant funding would have to go to a specific project and could not be placed in the current long-term recovery fund. Julie stated that using the QR code to make a donation. One idea that Julie suggested was to come up with something that may tie around a disaster anniversary, adding ideas on the flier as well as social media in reference to "when a disaster affects your area, don't let your family and your community be without the help that is available, donate to your local group...Community awareness" Have business support and share the information and share at public events if

possible. An idea for an anniversary, 2020 tornados. Greg Strader also mentioned that the Center for Disaster Philanthropy will donate funding to LTRG's point of contact is Sally Ray.

V. New Business

Organizational Leadership -

Having the meeting to be run by the community members, advised that CCFR will continue to do the leg work, but LTRG needs a new meeting leader(non-governmental)

VI. Discussion

Future Speakers -

Mennonite Disaster Service was spoken of as a possible future speaker, Greg Strader has a point of contact for the South Carolina contact Larry Stoner and will get over the contact information to David.

VII. Next Meeting -

Next meeting will be scheduled for June 7, 2023 at 2:30, this meeting will be held virtually and in person at the EOC located at 108 Simmons St Walterboro, SC 29488

VIII. Adjournment - 15:23

LTRG Meeting December 7, 2022 @ 2:30 PM

- IV. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by David Greene at 2:30 PM.

Attendees

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Joe Floyd, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Lawson Clubb, Walton Options
Kenneth Campbell, Captain, CCFR
Ryan McLeod, City of Walterboro
Karla Daddieco
Donna Lamb, LTRG

Adrienne Stokes, CCFR - sick
Ellison Smith, SCEMD - called ahead of time and could not attend due to a conflict

- II. Appearances and Presentations

Mr. Joe Floyd with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints presented on the recovery capabilities of his organization. Joe is the SC VOAD rep for the church. 10 stakes in SC and 14-15 churches in each stake.

Command Center - the central point of Church relief efforts (usually at a church). The Command Center provides training and work orders to teams, provides teams with resources (camping, work, supplies, and toilets) and coordinates with the local community. They perform chainsaw work and they provide training for chain saws for people outside of their organization, but they must sign a waiver.

Relief Supplies - shipped from local bishops' storehouses, purchased locally, donations may be distributed directly or through a local partner. A regional storehouse in Atlanta that can distribute additional resources (i.e, muck out tools). Those resources will arrive within 24 hours. Local bishop's storehouse in Columbia (food related supplies, cleaning supplies, worker safety supplies, emergency food boxes, bottled water, personal hygiene kits).

Helping Hands Volunteers ("yellow shirts") - They are not a long-term clean up organization, but more of an immediate responder. Muck outs, Tree cutting, Debris removal, roof tarping, food distribution, call center volunteers for Crisis Cleanup Hotline. Also offer counseling services.

Crisis Cleanup - Volunteers view the same map. Working in unison, all volunteer organizations can look at the same data, thus allowing organizations to help survivors. Government officials can also view the same map. Crisis cleanup tracks hours that volunteers have donated by having the volunteers log in and document their hours.

Within 5 days of Hurricane Ida landfall, Church had 3 fully-equipped command centers and 1,900 volunteers. 11,800+ volunteers from 8 states participated in a 5-week response. 302,170+ hours of donated work (828 years). 5,517+ work orders (homes, churches) completed.

Justserve.org - registering a house that may have fallen through the cracks (one that needs to be mucked out or roof work) after 3-5 weeks.

Church pays particular attention to the families of responders since they are not able to be home with their families.

Charleston County is using Crisis Cleanup as well as other VOAD's
No background checks being done in crisis track, but individuals do not utilize it, organizations do. Each organization vets their own people and only organizations can log onto Crisis Cleanup.

Home Cleanup Hotline - Each disaster has its own phone number and it is usually established right away.

Ellison Smith with SCEMD and local EOC can log into Crisis Cleanup

To activate Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Can call Joe Floyd directly to dispatch command centers, volunteers, and additional resources.

They are best at doing initial cleanup immediately after the disaster. Initial debris and muckouts immediately after the disaster.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - September 7, 2022

Rick Berry was listed on the minutes as being a member of ABLE. It was corrected to reflect that Rick Berry is a member of Walton Options
Iris Hill made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Karla Daddeico seconded the motion and there was no dissent -

IV. Old Business

Update on Activities in North Lemacks Street Neighborhood - will be discussing with LCOG about rebuilding sidewalks in the North Lemacks Street area. Some of the sidewalks were damaged by contractors. There are no outstanding houses that need attention, perhaps abatement. List will be constructed in the next week or two.

V. New Business

Budget Update / Balance - \$50.00 per quarter - \$450 in admin fees since 2nd Quarter of 2020 - current balance is \$2,767.81. Currently, Pat Grant is the only one that can authorize expenditures.

Individual Recovery Sheet - Training was conducted on the Individual Recovery Sheet used for tracking damaged residences and filtering through those with insurance, those that are eligible for Individual Assistance and those with remaining repairs needed after receiving Individual Assistance.

VI. Discussion

Future Speakers and Goals - Adrienne Stokes will continue to research VOAD's to present to the LTRG.

Fundraising - Fire-Rescue will message the new donation page with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry over social media. Everyone is encouraged to come up with ideas for fundraising and bring those ideas to the March 1, 2023 meeting.

VII. Next Meeting - March 1, 2023

VIII. Adjournment

LTRG Meeting September 7, 2022 @ 2:30 PM

V. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by David Greene at 2:30 PM.

Attendees

Charles Fox, Team Rubicon
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
Patricia Grant, LTRG
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Gregory Strader, World Renew
Lynn Dobry, World Renew
Rick Berry, Walton Options
Kenneth Campbell, Captain, CCFR
Ryan McLeod, City of Walterboro

Karla Daddieco, LTRG - called ahead of the meeting and stated she could not attend
Donna Lamb, LTRG - called ahead of the meeting and stated she could not attend

- VI. Appearances and Presentations - Gregory Strader with World Renew.
- Deploy at request of LTRG, State VOAD or by FEMA request
 - Early response - similar to Southern Baptists, United Methodists, Team Rubicon - engaged after a needs assessment - days after a disaster, spiritual care, networking, scout needs, provide guidance
 - Rapid Response - muck out, tear out, tarps, debris removal, chainsaw work - days/weeks/months after disaster
 - Unmet needs assessment - 6+ months after disaster, invited by local organization, interview survivors, urgent and non-urgent needs, catalog household, financial, emotional, and physical needs, case management
 - Benefit of an unmet needs assessment - prioritize, identify resources needed, comprehensive picture of unmet needs
 - Walk-in center or door-to-door
 - Computer and voicemail needed for World Renew
 - Building estimating - damage estimates - cost of materials/cost of labor (information provided to local organization and can be used for fundraising/planning)
 - Home reconstruction - 9 months - years after disaster, teams are self-sufficient but ask for support for lodging, etc. Invited by local organization / case management by local organization / materials by local organization.
 - Group mission trips - shelter needed for groups like church gymnasium / place to cook (support multiple locations, wide range of work, range of skills/ages)

Staff size / locations responding for Rapid Response? - Northern US states into Canada, volunteers from as far away as California - Southern Baptists, Methodists, Team Rubicon should be the first response. Once deployed, the team can stay to manage sites for 9 months to years after the disaster, until the community is restored.

Interpreters (what kind)? - may not be able to bring

Will they staff a DRC? - typically deployed 6 months after a disaster after survivors have navigated their way through IA / SBA to address remaining needs

What are they best at? - Needs assessment, building estimating, and organizational capacity building

Is there a certain size disaster that you would respond to (tornado vs hurricane)? - They deploy to disasters that are significant enough to merit an individual assistance declaration.

Add email for Mr. Strader - to LTRG email distribution list

- VII. Approval of Minutes from June 29, 2022 Meeting -
Pat Grant made a motion to approve the minutes. Iris Hill Second. Minutes approved.
- VIII. Old Business
Update on North Lemacks Street Neighborhood - Ryan McLeod working with private landowners to eliminate overgrown properties that may be becoming a nuisance.
- IX. New Business
- There is \$2,806.52 in the LTRG fund (\$500 to keep the fund open - \$2,306.52 is available for distribution. We opened the account with \$12,875.)
 - Ms. Pat and Julie Jones got together on paying bills.
 - Dr. Greene gave a briefing on the EOC Operations and hurricane season.
 - Dr. Greene reviewed the Recovery Spreadsheets with the group.
- X. Discussion
- Future Speakers & Goals: We will try to schedule Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Joe Floyd) for a presentation.
- XI. NEXT MEETING
- Scheduled for 7-December-2022 – 2:30 PM – Virtual
- XII. ADJOURNMENT
- LTRG Meeting June 29, 2022 @ 2:30 PM**
- XIII. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley at 2:33 PM.

Attendees

Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG

Charles Fox, Team Rubicon

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR

Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR

Adrienne Stokes, CCFR

Patricia Grant, LTRG

Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach

Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Karla Daddieco, LTRG

Marvin Jones, UMC Walterboro District Disaster Relief Coordinator

XIV. Appearances and Presentations - NONE

XV. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2022 Meeting -
Iris Hill made a motion to approve the minutes. Pat Grant Second. Minutes approved.

XVI. Old Business

- Report from LTRG Sub-Committee Meeting on Organizational Leadership:

David Greene, Iris Hill, and Pat Grant met on June 6, 2022, to discuss leadership. It is their recommendation that the representatives from City of Walterboro, Colleton County, and the Town of Edisto will take turns leading the committee on a rotation.

- Decision on Organizational Leadership Path Forward: Motion passed to accept the organizational leadership report and their recommendation will be implemented. Pat Grant made a motion to accept the resignation of chairperson Chris Bickley effective immediately following the meeting. Second by Iris Hill. Motion passed. Chris is moving to Roanoke, VA. We wish him well.

- Update on Activities in North Lemacks Street Neighborhood: Jeff Molanari was not able to attend the meeting but emailed an update. David Greene read his email update as follows: "I want to thank everyone for their support in funding a Mission Serve project in the North Lemacks Street area. 1028 North Lemacks Street was one of the houses impacted by the April 2020 tornado and the LTRG committed up to \$3,000 to replace the roof. The final cost of the roof replacement was \$2,646.98. Mission Serve was also able to assist the homeowner by building a new set of stairs for the back of the house and replacing sections of rotted wood on the house. Mission Serve also did a roof replacement and some other needed repairs to 512 Sweat Street, another property that was impacted by the April 2020 tornado. The repairs at 512 Sweat Street were funded 100% by Mission Serve. We greatly appreciate our partnership with Mission Serve."

XVII. New Business

- Budget Update / Balance: Balance is \$2838.64. To keep the fund active, \$500 must remain in the account; therefore, \$2300 is spendable. Chris reiterated that fundraising is a priority. Julie reminded the group that contributions/donations are tax deductible for individuals who donate to the fund.

- Designation of LTRG Fund Advisors: Up to now, Chris Bickley and Hand Admondson were authorized to withdraw funds from the account. We do need to designate two people as fund advisors. Iris Hill made the motion to approve Pat Grant as the person authorized to withdraw funds from the Community Foundation, serving as Fund Advisor. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Julie will send Pat an email regarding this.

- Review of LTRG Partner Agencies and their Resources - Mrs. Adrienne Stokes presented the list of LTRG partner agencies who can assist Colleton Citizens during recovery operations. The presentation included organization names, locations, contacts, and capabilities.

Iris Hill asked for a copy of the LTRG Partner Agency list. David Greene stated he would send the link to the LTRG folder that contains the list as well as a number of other resources.

- XVIII. Discussion
- Future Speakers & Goals: We will try to schedule Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for a presentation.
- XIX. NEXT MEETING
- Scheduled for 7-September-2022 – 2:30 PM – Virtual
- XX. ADJOURNMENT

**Colleton LTRG Sub-Committee Meeting on Organizational Leadership Path Forward -
6/6/2022 @ 08:30 over Google Meet**

Meeting was called to discuss and answer the following questions. Group consensus is as indicated after each question.

Attendees: Iris Hill, Pat Grant, Ellison Smith, David Greene

1. What should be the organizational leadership of the LTRG going forward (Chair or Steering Committee)?

A representative from the City of Walterboro, Town of Edisto, and Colleton County will serve as steering committee until a permanent chair can be elected.

2. Who should be on point organizationally to run meetings, approve speakers/presenters, etc.?

Rotate who is running the meetings unless only one government is represented at a meeting, then obviously that government representative would run the meeting.

3. How often should the LTRG meet (while we don't want to waste everyone's time, we do want to keep everyone engaged)?

Quarterly meeting on first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM

LTRG Meeting June 1, 2022 @ 2:30 PM

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley at 2:32 PM.

Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG

Charles Fox, Team Rubicon

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR

Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR

Adrienne Stokes, CCFR

Patricia Grant, LTRG

Cheryl Oppelt Ruggles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach

Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer

Jeff Molinari, City of Walterboro

Ellison Smith, SCEMD

Scott Wachter, Bethel UMC

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Sam "Skip" Taft, LTRG

Rick Berry, Walton Options/Aiken VOAD

- II. Chris Bickley opened the floor for discussion regarding the chairperson position because he is resigning. Chris Bickley is assigning a committee who will decide whether or not a chairperson or a steering committee will work best for LTRG: David Greene (chair of the subcommittee), Pat Grant (co-chair), Iris Hill, and Ellison Smith. Chris asked the committee to have a report by the last Wednesday of June.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

LTRG Meeting March 2, 2022 @ 2:30 PM

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley at 2:36 PM

Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG

Kellye Whitaker, LTRG

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR

Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR

Jeff Molinari, City of Walterboro

Ellison Smith, SCEMD

Scott Wachter, Bethel UMC

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Donna Lamb, Colleton County Economic Alliance

Jeff Molinari moved to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting. Chris Bickley seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Information on Upcoming County Exercises

David Greene provided an update on the upcoming exercises in conjunction with SCEMD's Full-Scale Exercise March 15-19, 2022. March 15th will be a drill at West Bank Landing in Jacksonboro involving Hazardous Materials, Water Search and Rescue, and Large Animal Rescue. March 16th will be a simulated Disaster Recovery Center at the Colleton County Recreation Center. March 17th will be a Recovery table-top exercise in conjunction with SCEMD at the Colleton EOC. March 19th will be a communications failure exercise at the Colleton EOC.

III. Update on Activities in North Lemacks Street Neighborhood

Jeff Molinari discussed the upcoming arrival of Mission Serve that is bringing a volunteer labor force to do recovery work for local citizens in June. They are interested in doing some volunteer work in the city of Walterboro. Jeff Molinari made a request of the \$5,534.21 in the current LTRG fund to provide resources to the Mission Serve volunteers to perform repairs of homes in the North Lemacks Street area. Kellye Whitaker stated that she and Hank Amundson had come up with a list of homes that need repairs. Kellye Whitaker asked for clear guidelines for qualifications for the various recovery programs. Ellison Smith stated that Team Rubicon can do "muck outs" and offered to send Chris Bickley contact information. Julie Jones mentioned that there is a Heirs Property organization that can assist with establishing ownership in an heirs property. All present discussed the limited funding available and how to affect the most number of those in need. Kellye Whitaker asked if we had reached out to contractors to volunteer their services lately. Kellye asked if anyone had a contact for the Council on Aging and Chris said that they would get together and discuss. Donna Lamb stated that Tommy Murray serves on the Mission Serve board with Billy Cane and suggested reaching out to Mr. Murray to see if he has any ideas on how the money can best be used. Kellye stated that she would get together with Jeff to discuss the list of those in need.

Chris Bickley asked about the feelings of the group to make up to \$3,000 available to the Mission Serve group to perform repairs in the North Lemacks Street area. Kellye mentioned that a follow up with Mission Serve was necessary to determine eligibility. Kellye Whitaker made a motion to make up to \$3,000 available to the Mission Serve group to perform repairs in the North Lemacks Street area. Donna Lamb seconded the motion and it was passed without dissent.

Chris stated that the group needs to do some fundraising. Julie stated to ensure to remind any potential donors that their donations are tax deductible as being part of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

IV. Other Business

- a. Colleton LTRG Fund Status - Chris reiterated that the current balance of the fund is \$5,534.21 prior to Mission Serve allocation. Julie Jones reminded the group that \$500.00 needed to remain in the account to keep it open. Chris asked how many homes in the North Lemacks Street area still needed repairs. Jeff stated that he did not have an exact number but would research it. Chris asked if the total contribution of \$12,884.25 was the total amount of donations since the LTRG's inception and Julie Jones stated that was correct.
- b. Meeting Schedule - Chris stated that unless a disaster occurs or training is necessary, he asked the group about meeting frequency. Kellye stated that the group needed to be prepared for the next event and wanted to be sure that the group was ready. Chris proposed holding a meeting every 3 months at 2:30 PM on Wednesday afternoon. Chris stated to tentatively plan on that schedule making the next meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 2:30 PM.
- c. New Officers - Chris stated that he would like to stay on the LTRG and would enjoy organizing fundraising events for the group, but would like to step down as Chair of the LTRG. Chris stated that he spoke to Pat Grant (co-chair) and she cannot step up as chair due to family obligations. He would like to discuss the changes further and be prepared to make a change at the June meeting.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David A. Greene, Deputy Chief / Emergency Manager

LTRG Meeting October 6, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley at 4:04 PM

Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG

Kellye Whitaker, LTRG

David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR

Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR

Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro

Patricia Grant, LTRG Co-Chair

Ellison Smith, SCEMD

Meredith Burns, SCEMD

Donnie Woods, District Lead - Presbyterian Church

Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach

Scott Wachter, Bethel UMC

Rick Berry, Walton Options

Emmy Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Hank Amundson moved to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2021 and August 4, 2021 meetings. Iris Hill noted that she attended the August 20, 2021 meeting in lieu of Crawford Moore. With that correction, Pat Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Presentation

Meredith Burns, Individual Assistance Officer with the S.C. Emergency Management Division - introduced by Ellison Smith

Ms. Burns is the Individual Assistance Officer at SCEMD and has held that role since earlier this year. Individual Assistance contains several programs including Mass Care/Emergency Services, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Disaster Case Management, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Legal Services, Disaster Unemployment Services, Voluntary Agency Coordination. Individual Assistance (IA) may be available after a federal declaration that includes a survivor's county. No set threshold of damages for an IA declaration. FEMA will look at fiscal capacity, casualties, and damages. IHP consists of Housing Assistance (HA), Rental Assistance, Other Needs Assistance (ONA). HA provides a maximum amount of assistance for FY2022 is \$37,900. Rental assistance can be available for up to 18 months. ONA can include personal property, moving and storage, transportation, medical/dental expenses, and child care. Maximum amount of assistance for ONA is \$37,900. ONA grants can be added to HA grants, so survivors can receive a maximum of \$75,800; however, a survivor could only expect this amount if their property was completely destroyed. Very few survivors receive this maximum amount. Survivors, on average, receive around \$1,500 to \$2,000 from IA grants. Rental assistance and certain home accessibility assistance items (i.e. grab bars, ramps, etc.) do not count against the maximum grant. Some programs require survivors to apply for an SBA loan prior to being eligible for IA. To register for IA, once a declaration occurs, survivors can go to

www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). When registering with FEMA, they will need to register for identity, verify home occupancy, and verify home ownership. Heirs property owners can submit a will to establish ownership of a damaged property. Additional information available at www.scemd.org and www.fema.gov. Any additional questions can be sent to Merideth at 803-722-0781 or mburns@emd.sc.gov or through Ellison Smith.

- III. Update on Activities in North Lemacks Street Neighborhood
Steven Harrison did a lot of work but then there was a delay. Working with properties who still have debris. Tracking down funds from property owners has been an arduous process. The application with Pamela Rice has required more documentation than what Hank planned for but he is still pressing forward with it.
- IV. Other Business
 - d. Committee Reports
No committee reports
 - e. Next Regular Meeting Date is scheduled for November 3, 2021
- V. Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM

LTRG Meeting August 20, 2021 @ 9:00 (Special Called Meeting)

Meeting began at 9:04 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Patricia Grant, LTRG Co-Chair
Pamela Rice, Lutheran Services Carolina Disaster Services
Donna Lamb, Colleton County Economic Alliance
Michele Cokrum, Catholic Charities
Skip Taft, LTRG
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto
Scott Wachter, Bethel UMC
Pamela Rice, Lutheran Services SC

II. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration of Funding for Several North Lemacks Street Village Projects: Hank Amundson updated the LTRG on the status of properties and made a request:

\$2,250 (Cooper) + \$2,000 (Moultrie) - Two properties funded at 50% of the cost as property owners are matching the other 50%. One tree on one of the properties is laying on the roof of a third property. These repairs are for two properties, but benefit three properties.

Fund balance = \$11,183.07

Kellye Whitaker made a motion to approve the motion for \$4,250 to help with the cost share for the three properties listed above. Pat Grant seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Chris Bickley stated that Pamela Rice, Lutheran Services SC, mentioned that Lutheran Services has funds available for Colleton County. Hank Amundson will work with Pamela and Adrienne to apply for funds.

III. New Business - None

IV. Reports - None

V. Other Business - None

VI. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

LTRG Meeting August 4, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR

Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Patricia Grant, LTRG Co-Chair
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Pamela Rice, Lutheran Services Carolina Disaster Services
Rick Berry, Walton Options & The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Joe Floyd, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Tony Holmes, Walton Options
Cheryl Ruggles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Donna Lamb, Colleton County Economic Alliance

Minutes from the last minutes were approved: Pat Grant motioned to accept the minutes.
Seconded by Kellye Whitaker. Motion passed.

II. Presentation by Mr. Ricky Berry of Walton Options and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Mr. Joe Floyd of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

Rick Berry is the Emergency Preparedness Liaison with Walton Options. He introduced Tony Holmes who is also an Emergency Preparedness Liaison in 5 counties. Walton Options has provided services and resources to help people with all types of disabilities live independently within the community. Mr. Berry pointed out that Walton Options and The Church of Jesus Christ of LDS are two separate organizations. Rick is just a member of the LDS church. Walton Options is located at the intersection of Tuskegee Airman Blvd and Jefferies Blvd in Walterboro.

Joe Floyd represents the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is the state representative for LDS on the SC VOAD. LDS has a Disaster Relief Partnership: Latter-Day Saint Charities (humanitarian efforts to relieve suffering for people of all nationalities and religions) and Helping Hands (Emergency response after disasters worldwide).

LDS also has a Bishop's Storehouse - Goods and supplies which provides personal hygiene kits, muck-out kits, bottled water, short term emergency food kits, tools (wheelbarrows, chainsaws, rakes, shovels, mops, etc.), tarps, call center for virtual volunteer coordination and deployment. The main storehouse is located in Atlanta. However, they have several regional storehouses that are smaller. One is located in Columbia. They will load a truck and send it to the desired location. They specialize in the following: muck outs, removal of drywall, insulation, flooring, carpeting, furniture and appliance, tree cutting, debris removal, roof tarping, training volunteers. They also have a toll-free number and will train volunteers to use it.

LDS provides work order management through Crisis Cleanup. They will coordinate with other organizations so that they will not duplicate efforts of other organizations. The website is www.crisiscleanup.org.

JustServe.org: <https://www.justserve.org/>

After a disaster JustServe provides a way for individuals to easily identify projects where they can come together and help with the recovery needed to improve their communities. Connect community needs with volunteers. They will add a banner on their website that will highlight our disaster or needs so that we can get help.

They have responded to tornadoes in South Carolina within the past couple of years. They used crisis cleanup in Oconee County. They operated for 3 weeks after Hurricane Florence. They can show up with approx. 600-800 people in a weekend. They provide their own generators and tools. These items are left with the county, free of charge, to help with future events.

III. Update on Activities in the North Lemacks Street Neighborhood

Hank Admundson: For the past month, there has not been much work due to the rain and equipment malfunction. They are still working with a few other residents on Lemacks Street. Estelle Ragisdale - tree on house; Ms. Betty Moultrie. Thelma & Bob Cooper need assistance. 928 N. Lemacks Street needs tree removal from roof and roof repair. The property is covered by debris. Approximate cost is \$4500. LTRG authorized \$2800 to spend on clean-up at the last meeting. Kelly Whitaker mentioned a gap funding grant is available. She will look into it for the group. Hank recommends that Moultrie and Cooper properties receive a contribution from LTRG to assist with their efforts to clear their property.

IV. Other Business

A. Committee Reports:

B. Distribution of sandbags and salvage covers under normal operations versus long-term recovery - David Greene . We normally do not distribute sandbags unless there is a state of emergency, which is declared by the Governor. Please spread the word on that. When we open sandbag operations, we will notify the public. We normally do not have a limit, but we do monitor the amount because we have had people show up with UHaul to get sandbags. The salvage covers are distributed AFTER impact. We do not give them out before potential impact.

Flooding & rain from last week: David said he was surprised that Hendersonville Hwy was washed out. We received more than 7 inches of rain in 3 hours which impacted our area. We had reports of damage here and there but nothing else major. Ireland Creek had the normal rise and fall; it is on the way down.

The account balance is \$11,182.00, of which \$2,800.00 is pledged.

Ellison will work on resources for the house with the tree. He and Hank will coordinate.

C. Next regular meeting date is **October 6, 2021**. We will hold a special meeting in September, if necessary to appropriate money for North Lemacks repairs.

LTRG Meeting June 2, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
- Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG
 - Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
 - Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
 - Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
 - Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
 - Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
 - Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
 - Ellison Smith, SCEMD
 - Patricia Grant
 - Ilham Thurston, Lutheran Services Carolina Disaster Services
 - Pamela Rice, Lutheran Services Carolina Disaster Services
 - Steve Stillwell, Adventist Community Services

Minutes from the last minutes were approved: Iris Hill motioned to accept the minutes.
Seconded by David Greene. Motion passed.

- II. Presentation by Mr. Steve Stillwell with Advent Community Services -introduced by Mrs. Adrienne Stokes. Steve Stillwell covers the Carolinas. They have an MOU with most states, including NC and SC. They are part of the Advent church. One arm is disaster response. This organization responds to disasters in the US.

Steve Stillwell is the Assistant Director for the Conference. His work crew are all volunteers. Since 9/11, he has been assisting in disasters. Main objective: work with state or local communities to bring in donated goods to help in a recovery process and discard items that cannot be used. County level - donations coordinator -- this is their key contact. Make a list of what is needed and what is NOT needed. They will bring in a volunteer team, meet with the donations coordinator and other stakeholders, etc. County is responsible for forklifts, pallet jacks -- equipment. They do have a computerized inventory system that they can categorize. This is provided to the county and VOAD. No charge for assistance. They work with the state. There is a warehouse in Winnsboro.

They cannot go in unless they are requested. Worked in Columbia during 2015 flooding. State does not activate MOU unless it is a sizable disaster.

They respond with only what has been donated from previous disasters. They do not buy what is needed and can be donated.

We would need to go through the SCEMD to have them help us. They activate the MOU for the state warehouse. If the state does not activate, they will go to the county to see if they need assistance. The county and the Adventist would enter into an MOU. They respond generally

within 12 hours. They can be an advisory group or bring a team in and do the work. Steve will tell us what we need, if he responds to a county-only disaster. They do not pass on expired food items or soiled, unfit clothing.

For Colleton, we plan to use the Colleton County Recreation Center and Parks & Recreation staff to assist with Donated Goods - David Greene explained... Adventist would bring 4 people: Warehouse Mgr., Operations Mgr, Volunteer Mgr, and Sorting Mgr. They clock all hours to report to FEMA. They maintain insurance on the warehouse. They bring their own forklift operators. If they bring in their team, then they will run the operations, otherwise they will serve as an advisory entity. Steve offered to set up a day to go over Donations Management with us.

Ellison added - we still depend on Steve for experience and knowledge and use his knowledge for small events instead of activating him.

Would we use Steve for our regional warehouse donated goods model? That's a conversation with Region 6 and SCEMD.

Steve - part of the process is training our team here so that we can take over after they leave.

III. North Lemacks Street Neighborhood

Some homeowners have paid the county for their portion (cost share). Mission Serve is coming to town and they need projects. Hank is contacting the leader of the group and will provide a list of properties that need assistance. The majority of the assistance needed is for roof repairs. One problem with the week of Mission Serve - Hank will be out of town that week. June 18-26. He needs someone to coordinate with Mission Serve. Mr. Price has been very responsive. He dropped off his cost-share for the work that needs to be done.

Kellye stated that several people in the neighborhood want to assist their neighbors. They are skilled laborers. Hank suggested that we contact the churches to see if they can donate materials or money to purchase materials for projects. Kellye suggested, again, "Hands-On Colleton County", which is a volunteer day of work to complete projects.

Adrienne Stokes provided an update regarding the National Recovery Grant Application through the Presbyterian Church. Pat Grant made a motion to pursue the grant application. Skip Taft seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissent.

IV. Committee reports - none.

Next meeting date is July 7. We do not need to meet in July. We will resume in August. We will have a zoom meeting if there is a need.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52.

LTRG Meeting May 5, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:04 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG
Skip Taft, LTRG
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Merideth Burns, IA Officer with SCEMD
Patricia Grant informed Chris that she would be absent (caring for her husband)
Paul Dunn, Lutheran Services Carolina Disaster Services
Ilham Thurston, Lutheran Services Carolina Disaster Services

Minutes from the last minutes were approved: Skip Taft motioned to accept the minutes.
Seconded by Hank Admundson. Motion passed.

- II. Presentation by Mr. Paul Dunn with Lutheran Services Carolina—introduced by Mrs. Adrienne Stokes.

Lutheran Services Carolinas Disaster Services (LSCDS) is required to collaborate with other agencies. They have experience in construction management, case management (performed case management in Hurricane Matthew - takes a few months to get set up), and donations management. Their donations management is done with collaborators, such as the FEMA donations team. They do not have a speciality in any one area. Their focus is on vulnerable populations. The organization is looking for more funding (grant funding) and is working to increase volunteering among local Lutheran churches and provide them staffing. LSCDS works with Crisis Cleanup to provide response services (cutting trees, debris management, etc.), but LSCDS does not provide those services directly. Lutheran Services would come to the unmet needs table and can provide money or goods if available to fill the unmet need, after the case manager has verified no there are no duplication of services. The best way to reach the organization is to call directly at the information below:

Lutheran Services Carolinas Disaster Services
SC Case Manager Ms. Pamela Rice
803-609-1962
price2@lscarolinas.net

NC/SC Disaster Assistant
Director Ms. Ilham Thurston
252-481-8007
ithurston@lscarolinas.net

NC/SC Disaster Director
Paul Dunn
252-756-1304
pdunn@lscarolinas.net

III. Update on activities on North Lemacks Street Neighborhood: Hank and Kelly discussed narrowing in on the first couple of people that need to be assisted. Hank has spoken to the contractor (Lowcountry Tree and Limb) and has set them up to do various projects at discounted prices. Four parcels on North Lemacks street (south of the park) are being cleared (no houses on them). There are several houses on North Lemacks Street (north of the park) that need various repairs. Hank made the following suggestions:

- \$ 800 clearing of debris on Mr. Price's lot
- \$1,000 Assisting Mr. Price with demolition of shed (half the cost of quote for demolition)
- \$1,000 for the cost (cost share) of clearing on Lemacks Street
- \$2,800

Chris advised that there was a little over \$6,200 in the LTRG fund.

Skip mentioned that he will discuss with Habitat for Humanity to contribute \$300-400 to these projects by donating to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. As coming out of committee, no motion was made, the vote was unanimous without dissent to fund the projects.

IV. Other Business - None.

Next meeting is June 2, 2021, at 4:00. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

LTRG Meeting April 21, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:12 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
- Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG
 - Skip Taft, LTRG
 - Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
 - Patrick Thomas, LTRG
 - David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
 - Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
 - Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
 - Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
 - Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
 - Ellison Smith, SCEMD
 - Rocky Turner, SCEMD
 - Bucky McCormack, Colleton County Assessor's Office
 - Wanda OQuinn, Colleton County Assessor's Office
- Patricia Grant informed Chris that she would be absent (husband had kidney transplant).

Minutes from the last minutes were approved: Skip Taft motioned to accept the minutes.
Seconded by Hank Admundson . Motion passed.

- II. County EOC Tour: CCFR Deputy Chief David Greene gave a high-level overview of the EOC and the Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). He also introduced Bucky McCormack who discussed the process of damage assessment and calculating the threshold for damages. The office moves quickly to assess the damages and send the numbers to SCEMD for state assessment and the determination of disaster declarations on state and federal levels. They are usually on the ground immediately following the disaster, even before evacuation orders are lifted. Adrienne facilitated a tabletop exercise with the group. Janet Laney explained the process of first responders reporting damages during and after an event. Carla Harvey explained the "first push" process to clear debris, which includes vegetation, white goods, and household items, from the right-of-way.

- III. Update on activities on North Lemacks Street Neighborhood: We received a grant to plant trees in the park from Keep America Beautiful. Absentee orders and overgrown lots are an issue. However, a contractor offered their assistance. Hank reported that he will have a plan for LTRG.

- IV. Other Business

Next meeting is May 5, 2021, at 4:00. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

LTRG Meeting March 3, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:03 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
Chris Bickley, Chair - LTRG
Skip Taft, LTRG
Mark McCain, Presbyterian Disaster Services
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Crawford Moore, Town of Edisto Beach
Kellye Whitaker contacted Chris Bickley in advance; she could not attend the meeting.

Minutes from the last minutes were approved: Patricia Grant motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Iris Hill. Motion passed.

- II. David Greene introduced the guest speaker: Mr. Lou Palm with Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon is a veteran-based organization with 130,000 volunteers headquartered in Los Angeles, CA. The organization is very well trained in saw operations. They specialize in route clearing and can utilize sawyer teams to clear routes and assist with secondary roads as well. The team can do muck outs and can survey the home for damages. Team Rubicon can be activated by contacting Lou Palm directly. A normal response time would be 24 hours with a recon team and then a follow-on response with additional personnel. They maintain a cache of equipment located in Columbia that can be deployed within 24 hours. The team does require lodging (church fellowship hall or fire station) and support on the ground. Team Rubicon has volunteers in South Carolina. There is a lead and volunteer personnel on Hilton Head Island. They also have access to heavy equipment operators in South Carolina. Deployments are not limited as Team Rubicon stayed in Panama City, Florida for 28 weeks. They rotate personnel every 7 days.

- III. Update on North Lemacks Street area:
 - A. Hank talking with contractors and working with Colleton County to pick up debris from roadsides in the North Lemacks Street area.
 - B. Hank and Patrick discussed the repair of or demolition of damaged properties preventing other crimes.
 - C. Lowcountry Tree and Limb is working on a residence on Margaret Street.
 - D. Hank and Patrick will discuss a residence on the corner of Pearson and Savage Streets.

IV. Goals/Priorities for 2021:

- A. Identify properties where owners need assistance.
- B. Be prepared to carry out our role in the County's Emergency Operations Plan.
- C. Fundraising to support our mission.
- D. Educate the community about FEMA funding and its limitations.

Everyone felt comfortable with the goals for this year and agreed these objectives should be our focus. There were no other goals added.

Chris mentioned that the fund has approximately \$6500. He did not have an exact figure.

V. Committee Reports - None

Next meeting will be April 21, 2021, at 4:00 PM in-person at the Colleton County Emergency Operations Center (108 Simmons St., Walterboro). During this meeting, we will participate in a tabletop exercise.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

LTRG Meeting February 3, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:04 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
- Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
 - Emmy Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
 - Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
 - Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
 - Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
 - Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
 - Patrick Thomas, LTRG
 - Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
 - Ellison Smith, SCEMD
 - Wanda Long, Salvation Army
 - Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - Rocio Maldonado, Catholic Charities
 - Michele Corkum, Catholic Charities
 - Brittany Rubin, American Red Cross
- Kellye Whitaker contacted Chris Bickley in advance; she could not attend the meeting.

II. Minutes from the last minutes were approved: Patricia Grant motioned to accept the minutes. Second by Emmy Rooney. Motion passed.

III. David Greene introduced the guest speakers: Rosio Maldonado and Michele Corkum with Catholic Charities. The agency's headquarters is in Conway, SC; there are other offices located in the state which are trained to provide disaster assistance. Catholic Charities works with the majority of the LTRGs in the state. They have assisted in several disasters throughout the state. The agency has a mobile response unit with food boxes, baby items, and cleaning kits. Their specialties are disaster recovery and case management. Depending on the impact of the storm and funding resources available, they are able to help communities recover. Michele stated that they are still working on Hurricane Florence recovery. The agency also works with homeowners to teach home improvement. They do not have a list of contractors they work with in this area. They would rely upon us to have a list of contractors. They apply for grants, which are used to hire staff and perform repairs to damaged properties. Michele mentioned One SC, which is a statewide fund that provides support. How do we access their resources? We may call Michele directly. Ellison Smith added that Catholic Charities is one of the first organizations that SCEMD has on speed dial. They coordinate with other agencies; often, SCEMD will coordinate with the agencies. They do not have any Catholic churches in Colleton that they work with currently. However, some local Catholic churches may have a disaster relief program. Catholic Charities is available for case management.

IV. Update on North Lemacks Street area:

A. Code enforcement report finalized.

B. The house next to the training school needs to be a project. The owner applied for FEMA funds to repair the roof. However, the rest of the structure was heavily damaged. The owner is living in the house.

C. Hank reported that there is demolition money to clear some lots. There are some lots that the city may need to clean and put a lien on the properties.

D. Hank reported that we have cleaned or cleared properties but have not made repairs on any of the properties.

E. Mr. Walters' home is not fixable and needs to come down. Hank has been in contact with him.

V. Goals/Priorities for 2021:

Chris Bickley asked the Committee about ideas for goals:

A. Hank stated that there are several properties that we need to address because the property owner cannot address the issues. It has gotten to the point that we need to assist.

B. Emmy stated we need to look at potential funding sources.

C. Pat Grant said that there needs to be education in the community regarding FEMA and disaster relief. We all agreed that educating the public is important; they need to know about disaster relief from FEMA, American Red Cross, and other relief. There is a misunderstanding in our community about agencies provide in terms of relief assistance. Britany said they are reaching out to vulnerable communities regarding preparedness and disaster assistance.

VI. Other Items

A. Emergency Operations Plan: David Greene reported that the recovery section to the EOP was expanded. The EOC has been expanded to include a table for recovery. In April, we hope to have a simulated exercise. David and Ellison will coordinate an exercise.

B. Donations of labor, equipment, and materials. If we cannot pay vendors, we may be able to give them a contribution letter that they details what the company did and the value. David said that Carla Harvey advised using the FEMA amounts outlined for the service. David and Emmy to follow up with each other.

C. David also reported that Janet and Adrienne are working to contact churches to determine the resources they may have available.

VII. Committee Reports - None

Next meeting will be March 3, 2021, at 4:00.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

LTRG Meeting January 6, 2021 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:01 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I.
 - a. Chairperson Chris Bickley wished everyone a happy new year.
 - b. Chairperson Chris Bickley conducted a roll call; those in attendance were:
Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Mike Michals, Salvation Army
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Doug Macdonald, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 - c. Iris Hill made a motion to approve the minutes, Carla Harvey seconded and all were in favor.
- II. David Greene introduced Douglas Macdonald with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team. His presentation included the following:
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)'s international response is almost always by mission partners and support is financial. Domestic response is in all 50 states and territories and is almost always by National Response Team volunteers. They have 100 people that undergo 2 weeks of training and 2 weeks of deployment each year. While the volunteer's expenses are covered, their time is not. All National Response Team (NRT) members have significant training in spiritual and emotional care. All NRT members are prepared for initial deployments, then there are 3 areas that require additional training (1. Group spiritual and emotional care, 2. Setting up and managing host sites for LTR, 3. Human caused disasters). Additionally, they train on refugee concerns, LTR training, preparation/mitigation, church damage, story ministry. PDA has had three volunteers of the year with National VOAD in the last six years. This allows PDA to work well with other VOAD's. PDA would prefer to fund LTR infrastructure (computers over nails and boards). PDA has lots of experience and expertise in hosting volunteers. The PDA call center is also available to schedule volunteers and PDA website can list volunteer opportunities. Offer SC PDAT (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team) to connect congregations to disaster preparation, response and recovery and offer compassion fatigue workshops (available online also). Connect to PDA NRT by having Presbyterian church member in Colleton County connect to presbyteries. Colleton is in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery area. The presbytery would

make the request to PDA and the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery would write the check to Colleton LTRG.

- III. Update on Activities in North Lemacks Street Neighborhood
Hank Amundson stated that he has been working with code enforcement on several properties but there are delays due to COVID. They are also working on fixing the baseball field. Housing wise and lot wise, Hank says they are getting in a good place but will follow up with Patrick and Kellye.
- IV. Discussion of Where We Are and Where We Need to Be Going
 - a. Accomplishments to date
 - i. \$6,125 in the LTRG fund at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - b. What's needed for 2021 - tabled
 - c. Goals and priorities - tabled
- V. Other business
 - a. Colleton County Emergency Operations Plan Update - David Greene
 - i. Integration of LTRG and Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in the Emergency Operations Plan for 2021.
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Kellye Whitaker will be working with Patrick on developing operating procedures for deploying after a disaster.
 - c. Next meeting - February 3rd at 4:00 PM
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm

Meeting was recorded and is available at the following URL:

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LTRG Meeting December 2, 2020 @ 16:00

Meeting began at 4:06 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Roll call conducted; those in attendance were:
 - Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
 - Pat Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
 - Brittany Rubin, ARC
 - Randy Creamer, SC Southern Baptist Association
 - Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
 - Ellison Smith, SCEMD
 - Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Janet Laney, Captain, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Tim Whitten, United Methodist Church

Pat Grant made a motion to approve the minutes; Iris Hill seconded. No dissenting vote.

- II. Presentation by Mr. Tim Whitten, Disaster Recovery Director for the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church: Mr. Whitten discussed UMC's response to disasters since the 2015 floods. He explained that they have five (full-time/grant funded) case managers on staff and they have numerous volunteers who work on their Emergency Response Team (ERT). Case management and construction coordinators are available. Volunteers are essential to UMC's disaster response and UMC works with other faith-based and civic groups. UMC is 100% donor funded in recoveries and some funding comes from grant funding. UMCOR is the relief arm of the UMC. In January 2019, they began Hurricane Florence recovery. They are currently working in Marlboro, Chesterfield, and Dillon counties for Hurricane Florence recovery efforts. They have done 170 roofs so far and have approximately eleven months left with Hurricane Florence recovery. Mr. Whitten said they are also wrapping up tornado recovery efforts in Hampton County (16 roofs in Hampton County). They are working with the LTRG in Hampton County. Recovery efforts usually last two to three years. Case management assistance, volunteer coordination, and training are available from UMC to LTRG.

Ellison and Randy - Deepest recovery organizations in S.C. are the Methodists and the Baptists. UMCOR is very talented at case management. Where Baptists are rapid responders, Methodists are more long-term recovery focused.

- III. Update on North Lemacks Street Neighborhood - working on a couple of properties with code enforcement. Hank has talked to one out of state owner regarding a property that may have to be demolished. A house on Springwood Drive was torn down. Hank also has several houses to discuss with Patrick and Kellye regarding improvements. Kellye asked Hank to get together regarding code enforcement with several properties.
- IV. Other Business
No Committee Reports
David discussed Winter Weather Awareness Week and recovery efforts associated with ice and snow storms.
Chris discussed the page that was included in the CFL Annual Report (was attached with the minutes).
Chris thanked everyone for their participation and commended everyone for their hard

work in forming the group. He stated that we will not have another meeting in December. At the next meeting, we will look towards the future of this group and determine goals for the upcoming year.

- V. Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM. Next Meeting will be on January 6th at 4:00 PM.

LTRG Meeting November 4, 2020 @15:00

Meeting began at 4:04 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Roll call conducted; those in attendance were:
Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Iris Hill, Town of Edisto Beach
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Randy Creamer, Southern Baptist Association

Hank made a motion to approve the minutes; Emmy Rooney seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

- II. Southern Baptist Association Presentation: Mr. Randy Creamer, Disaster Relief Director
The SC Southern Baptist Association is a volunteer driven network of trained and credentialed volunteers. The Southern Baptist Association provides a range of services after a disaster. Mass feeding is one such service. Their mobile kitchen can provide 10,000 to 20,000 meals a day. The mobile kitchen takes up a Lowe's or Walmart-sized parking lot and takes 40-60 people to operate. Some other services that the Southern Baptist Association provide include mobile shower and laundry and debris cleanup. David Greene noted that Colleton County has used the Southern Baptist Association for tree removal.

- III. Update on North Lemacks Street Area
Patrick Thomas reported that the area looks cleaner and sightlines have been improved. There are still some areas that need attention. A group has been organized to go in and do regular cleaning through Keep Colleton Beautiful and the City Appearance Board. The house at the corner of Lewis Street and Gruber Street still has a tree on the house. Kelly Whitaker reported that things look better. She would like to get with Hank to discuss Code Enforcement.
Hank Amundson - definitely wants to talk about code enforcement and go through the list of remaining residences with damage. He reported that the house on Blanchard Street is too severely damaged to restore. It will probably get demolished.

- IV. Committee Reports

- Kellye has sent Hank intake forms for use in the future. Hank will disseminate the forms for review.
- David will share Google Drive folders with the group.

- Emmy said that they are getting ready to send out the annual report for the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and there is an article featuring the Colleton Long-Term Recovery Group. The report will be sent to contributors and made available to others. The report should go out around Thanksgiving.
- The LTRG fund balance is \$4,576.
- Chris asked about possibly doing a fund solicitation for the LTRG before the end of the year.
- Future meetings will be held at 4:00.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM

Next meeting December 2nd.

LTRG Meeting October 7, 2020 @15:00

Meeting began at 3:03 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley.

- I. Roll call conducted; those in attendance were:
 Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
 Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
 Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
 Ellison Smith, SCEMD
 Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 Janet Laney, Fire-Rescue-Captain
 Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
 David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
 Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
 Carla Harvey, County Engineer
 Wanda Long, Salvation Army - Beaufort
 Robert Long, Salvation Army - Beaufort
 Mike Patterson, Salvation Army, Liaison Officer for North Carolina & South Carolina

- II. Salvation Army Presentation: Mr. Mike Patterson, Presenter
 The Salvation Army is an international Christian mission organization that serves millions of people around the world. The Salvation Army responds to those in need in times of crisis and disaster. The U.S. is divided into four geographic territories. South Carolina is in the Southern Territory. Colleton, Hampton, Beaufort, and Jasper are in one region of the Southern Territory. The Salvation Army provides several services: Food Services (fixed and mobile delivery), Disaster Social Services, Donations Management, Emotional and Spiritual care for survivors and first responders, and Training. In addition to their

social ministries, The Salvation Army is a Christian Evangelical Church and holds weekly worship services. Mr. Robert Long was introduced to the Committee. He and his wife, Wanda Long, serve in the Beaufort Office at 2505 North Street in Beaufort.

Chris Bickley invited The Salvation Army to become a part of our LTRG as a partner..

For more information about The Salvation Army: www.salvationarmycarolinas.org

Mike Patterson: mike.patterson@uss.salvationarmy.org

III. North Lemacks Street Area Update (Hank Amundson)

The park looks great. A green space is being planned for a community garden. Colleton County Council made a decision to grant our request to waive the debris removal fees for residents affected by the tornadoes. Several houses in the area need to be demolished. Hank is coordinating the repairs of a few homes. He also gave updates on a few properties:

216 Collins - (owner lives in New York) - has been re-roofed and repaired

222 Gruber Street house - working with contractor, Lowcountry Limb (Steven Harrison) gave them a \$2,000 break on tree removal - Emmy Rooney said that they can give them an in-kind donations tax deduction if Lowcountry Limb can provide an invoice..=

Hickory Valley: working with resident to remove debris

One company voluntarily assisted a resident and did not charge. Emmy said that we can make an In-kind contribution to the company. We will need documentation stating what was done and the normal cost. Hank said he will coordinate a few more clean-ups.

IV. Committee Reports

What's the feeling in the neighborhood? Kelly Whitaker said it's hard to gauge due to people not really moving about and communicating with others due to Covid. From appearances, the neighborhood looks better. Several homes have been renovated or properties improved.

V. Other Business

A. Request to County Council: Colleton County Council approved our letter of request to waive fees.

B. Assistance for Ruffin property

The property was discussed. However, the bigger questions are: How do we proceed with other calls we may receive? Who are we serving? How do we define assistance after an event? How do we handle the calls after the deadline for FEMA has closed?

Ellison Smith (SCEMD) - Start questionnaire with the question: When did the damage take place? If they don't give a clear and definite answer then those can be additional cases that the group takes on. However, those cases will not be top priority. The main focus should be those properties that suffered damages as a direct result of the incident. We can keep track of all cases. Hank said to refer the cases to him and they will look into the cases.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting ended at 4:00.

LTRG Meeting September 16, 2020 @15:00

Meeting began at 3:06 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley

- I. Roll call conducted; those in attendance were:
 - Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
 - Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
 - Jeff Molinari, City of Walterboro
 - Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
 - Ellison Smith, SCEMD
 - Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
 - Skip Taft, LTRG
 - Janet Laney, Fire-Rescue-Captain
 - Adrienne Stokes, CCFR
 - David Greene, Deputy Chief, CCFR
 - Rocky Tucker, SCEMD, Region 6 Manager
 - Hank Amundson

- II. David Greene gave the Committee a virtual tour of the Colleton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 108 Simmons Street in the back of the old hospital. Dr. Greene gave a brief description of each Emergency Support Function (ESF), monitor displays, room setup, and OpCon levels. Dr. Greene also talked about where the LTRG falls in the process. The LTRG falls under Recovery.

- III. North Lemacks Street Neighborhood Update:
 - A. Several lots have been cleared. Hank has been talking with the county about helping to reduce some of the expenses for residents by having the county pickup and clear debris.
 - B. A demolition company is also working with a homeowner to remove a tree.
 - C. ABC Roofing company reconstructed the whole frontside of the house where we took a picture a few weeks ago. FEMA is assisting the resident.
 - D. Working on a home on Breland Street.
 - E. The park is looking good.

IV. Nominating Committee Report - Pat Grant.

A. Ms. Grant asked to establish a Construction Committee to supervise construction activity and oversee the purchase of materials and oversee donated materials. Motion made and Passed.

B. Committee chairpersons were nominated:

Chair - Chris Bickley
Co-Chair - Pat Grant
Case Management - Hank Amundson
Volunteer Coordinator - Kelly Whitaker
Construction Committee - Skip Taft
Treasurer - Patrick Thomas
Fundraising - Patrick Thomas
Secretary - David Greene

Nominating Committee report accepted and adopted.

V. Other Business

A. FEMA Disaster Case Management Denial for Tornado Disaster - David Greene: David forwarded an email to the Committee regarding a letter of denial from FEMA because there was not enough damage cited in the impacted areas. This was just for case management assistance from FEMA. An appeal will probably not have an effect. Chris Bickley expressed his disappointment. David Greene said that we (CCFR) can help Hank Admunson in case management. Tucker - Hampton County is using UMCOR. We can reach out to them for assistance. We need to have a mechanism in place in case another incident or catastrophic event comes along.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2020. David will try to get someone from the Salvation Army to present.

LTRG Meeting - 8/19/2020 @ 15:00

Meeting began at 3:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley

I. Roll call conducted; those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
Jeff Molinari, City of Walterboro
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Chris Baker, FEMA
Skip Taft, LTRG
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Janet Laney, Fire-Rescue-Captain
Carla Harvey, County Engineer
Melody Cook, American Red Cross
Brittany Rubin, American Red Cross

II. Speakers Brittany Rubin and Melody Cook-American Red Cross

Brittany and Melody were introduced by Janet Laney (CCFR) noting that the American Red Cross plays a very important role with Colleton County Fire-Rescue. They respond on a daily basis to assist clients involved in house fires and major disasters. Cots, blankets, mres, water and snacks are prepositioned for immediate opening of evacuation shelters with personnel from Red Cross and DSS.

Brittany opened with the number of counties they work with-9 in total. Assistance varies from an individual's disaster to an entire county's disaster.

Melody started with ARC about 6 months ago. Chris Bickley asked her to explain how ARC supports long term recovery efforts. She stated they start working at the shelter transition to needing new housing/furniture/repairs.

CAN (Coordinated Assisted Network) is available by LTRG-this is involved with disaster case management. This follows a client from the disaster through assistance. Chris asked that he receive more information from them about this. American Red Cross would like to begin a quarterly meeting with the county's LTRG. Chris was in agreement.

III. Reports- North Lemacks Street Activity

Skip-Asked for a list of structure damaged buildings in that area. Jeff stated he would get that.

Jeff said the area around Sankey Marie park has been reseeded and they want to put in for grants to plant trees. Palmetto Pride resources are being looked at.

IV. Consideration of By-Laws

Motion to Approve- Skip Taft

Second- Jeff Molinari

Chris Baker- questioned adding in Article 7 under Committees-should a construction committee be added. Chris Bickley talked about adding permanent committees and that would go under Case Management. Chris Baker thought they should be cautious- but agreed it could be handled like that.

All in favor- By voice or acknowledgement- 4 yes

Not in favor- 1 no (Kellye Whitaker)- Ok that it passed

- V. Appointment of Nominating Committee
Chris requested two or three. Chris asked Patrick to serve-he stated yes. Chris appointed Pat Grant and Hank Admundson.
- VI. Tentative meetings-per Chris hold 1st and 3rd of each month on Wednesday afternoon.
All ok.
- VII. Emmy: \$4525.00 in fund
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm

LTRG Meeting - 8/05/2020 @ 15:00

Meeting began at 3:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chris Bickley

I. Roll call conducted; those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG
Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG
Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Chris Baker, FEMA
Skip Taft, LTRG
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Adrienne Stokes, Fire-Rescue
David A. Greene, Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief / Emergency Manager

II. North Lemacks Street Report

Lots: Grass was cut in lots. Letters were sent to residents about clearing their lots. One resident indicated that the lot is only worth \$2000 and it will take \$7000 to clear it. Hank is looking into what can be done to assist this resident.

What needs to be done in the area?

1. Trash on the side of the road is becoming a big problem.
2. In the past, code enforcement letters have been sent (20-30 letters) which follow international property management code.
3. A couple of huge trees have been removed from properties.
4. DOT will remove trees from 214 Collins St??

Projects considered

5. There is \$4,325 in the fund.
6. There are several houses with trees or tarps on the roof that could be addressed. There are also houses that need tarps and there are homes that need to be retarped.
7. Covid-19: Can volunteers work at this time to address concerns with present conditions of cases of Covid-19? The Committee will prioritize projects and be ready to work when the Covid-19 numbers go down. Therefore, the Committee is in a holding pattern right now.
8. Keep America Beautiful: Patrick is working on a schedule for days they can pick up trash. Hank said there are cameras they can install and ticket litter bugs.
9. Look at the volunteer coordination website.

III. By-Laws: The draft of By-Laws was reviewed.

Recommended to add CCFR headquarters address as the business address: 113 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488
Association vs. Organization

Membership discussed. Should we change this term?

Article V.f.: Add: Special called meetings have 24 hours notice.

Article VII.a. Eliminate the Executive Committee.

Article VII.b. Eliminate the Spiritual and Emotional Care Committee

Other

Social Media: Hank will send out more posts. Emmy will contact their social media person to push our posts.

Emmy Rooney said that Colleton LTR fund will be featured in their report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

LTRG Meeting - 7/15/2020 @ 15:00

Meeting began at 3:00 PM

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson

Roll call conducted, those in attendance were:

Chris Bickley, Co-chair - LTRG

Patricia Grant, Co-chair - LTRG

Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro

Kellye Whitaker, LTRG

Patrick Thomas, LTRG

Ellison Smith, SCEMD

Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Julie Jones, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Carla Harvey, County Engineer

Janet Laney, Fire-Rescue Captain

Adrienne Stokes, Fire-Rescue

David A. Greene, Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief / Emergency Manager

II. North Lemacks Street Report

Hank Amundson gave an update on work completed by volunteer groups in the previous weeks. He also said that he sent out 25 letters to property owners regarding their lots.

Kellye Whitaker and Patrick Thomas discussed the general opinion of North Lemacks Street residents stating that those who have been helped are very grateful while those that have not been helped may feel as if assistance efforts are losing traction

Chris Bickley asked for anyone interested in leading the volunteer groups going forward.

Kellye Whitaker and Patricia Grant agreed to work together to recruit volunteers.

10. Kellye Whitaker mentioned the "Hands on Atlanta" program which is a day (or multiple days) where everyone is encouraged to work on a community improvement project. She mentioned that a similar "Hands on Walterboro" or "Hands on Colleton" program could be implemented locally in the future. Hank Amundson and Kellye Whitaker will work on setting a date and advertising for volunteers.

Patricia Grant asked about a particular resident/property owner and Hank Amundson replied that the address in question was the next property to be worked by the volunteer groups in the past weeks but the environmental conditions prevented them from getting to that property.

Kellye Whitaker suggested having a workshop on ownership which will inform the residents of what they can do with their property and how they can make improvements in relation to the type of ownership they have, for example heirs property. Hank stated that his wife, Probate Judge, may be able to conduct a workshop. He will check with her.

Focus of Efforts

Chris Bickley stated that he would be working on finalizing the draft mission statement, goals, and by-laws

A discussion was held regarding various ways to continue pushing information on the LTRG.

11. Kellye Whitaker mentioned that the social media pushes by the local government and public safety accounts have been beneficial to the LTRG's facebook page.

A discussion was held on fundraising. Both Emily Rooney and Julie Jones discussed a formal press release regarding the LTRG fund in the near future.

12. Chris Bickley encouraged everyone to make a personal donation to the LTRG fund.

Chris Bickley stated that everyone at the meeting should have a task to perform going forward from the meeting.

Other Items

David Greene discussed the complexity of hurricane season during the COVID19 pandemic. He informed the Committee that after the tornadoes, Colleton County Fire-Rescue hand delivered disaster assistance flyers to residents impacted. If Colleton is impacted by a hurricane, the impact area will be larger and FEMA will likely assist us remotely. In the absence of a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), there will be issues distributing information to residents regarding disaster assistance from FEMA. He asked for ideas on how we can distribute disaster assistance information to residents if we are hit by a hurricane. LTRG members can email any ideas to dgreene@colletoncounty.org.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM

LTRG Meeting - 6/17/2020 @ 15:00

Meeting began at 3:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairpersons Chris Bickley and Patricia Grant

I. Roll Call conducted, those in attendance were:

Hank Amundson, City of Walterboro
Chris Bickley, LTRG
Patricia Grant, LTRG
Patrick Thomas, LTRG
Kellye Whitaker, LTRG
Skip Taft, LTRG
Emily Rooney, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Chris Baker, FEMA
Ellison Smith, SCEMD
Rocky Tucker, SCEMD
Carla Harvey, Colleton County Engineer
Barry McRoy, Fire-Rescue Chief
Janet Laney, Fire-Rescue Captain
Scott Feather, Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief
Dr. David A. Greene, Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief / Emergency Manager

Ms. Adrienne Stokes was on leave due to an appointment and could not attend

II. Reports

A. Donations

Emily Rooney gave an update on the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry setup of the Colleton LTRG fund. Ms. Rooney states that the fund is set up and ready to receive donations.

Mr. Bickley asked for everyone to encourage community members to solicit financial donations from any interested citizens. Ms. Rooney states that the fund has its own specific landing page. It is at the following URL:

<https://cflowcountry.civicore.com/index.php?section=organizations&action=overview&fwID=262>

If we have pictures or any other content that we want to add, please let her know. Recurring credit card gifts are also available in the LTRG's established fund. Minimum donations are \$25.00 and donors have the option to apply a 3% service charge to offset processing fees.

Ms. Whitaker asked for the URL and any additional information regarding the donation landing page to share over the LTRG Facebook page. The LTRG Facebook page URL is @colletonLTRG at

<https://www.facebook.com/colletonLTRG>

B. Organization

Mr. Bickley spoke about getting organized and would like to continue informal meetings until the point where we adopt by-laws at which point the meetings will become more formalized. Mr. Bickley recommended having the Community Foundation handle all of the money and the LTRG will not handle any money. LTRG will not establish a bank account.

C. Situational Status in North Lemacks Street Area

Mr. Amundson gave an update on the North Lemacks Street area. He, Ms. Whitaker and Mr. Thomas have walked the North Lemacks Street area and they have found a number of homes for the volunteer groups to work on next week. There are several volunteer groups coming on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. SC Baptist Association worked last week and moved vegetative debris from private properties to the right of way. Mr. Thomas stated that he felt like they had completed a sufficient assessment. Ms. Whitaker stated that each damaged residence is different, so sorting the appropriate application of each volunteer group is important. Ms. Whitaker also emphasized the importance of documenting the clean up process so that it can demonstrate the value of the LTRG and donations to its fund. Mr. Amundson stated that he needed tarps and had spoken to Habitat for Humanity in Columbia. David Greene stated that they would coordinate with Mr. Amundson to pick up the tarps in Columbia by Friday, June 19, 2020.

Mr. Amundson asked about the Individual Assistance Registration information. Mr. Baker stated that getting address level information requires a waiver from the resident but more specific information may be available once the LTRG is formally established.

Carla Harvey asked about adding additional debris to the pile at the landfill as a result of the volunteer groups working next week. Mr. Amundson stated that the amount of debris will be minimal next week; however, there may be additional large debris in the future if the City of Waltherboro receives permission from FEMA to remove debris from private property.

Mr. Bickley asked about the general feeling in the community. Ms. Whitaker stated that many of the people still need help and have not received any assistance from FEMA. Ms. Whitaker suggested that more city and county elected officials should walk through the area to reassure residents that assistance is coming. Mr. Thomas states that several of the homeowners are optimistic for the future given the work that has happened at the park. Ms. Whitaker agreed. Mr. Amundson stated they need to continue to work the code enforcement side of the recovery as well.

D. Communications

Mr. Bickley stated that since the last meeting, Ms. Whitaker has set up a Facebook page, email address and phone number. Ms. Whitaker said that there

has been limited contact with those platforms and suggested deleting the phone number (Google phone number). She suggested using only the Facebook page and email address going forward. She stated that the Facebook page was an information only page and does not accept posts. David Greene stated that he would share the Facebook page handle through Fire-Rescue's social media platforms and ask the Sheriff's Office and other state and local agencies to do the same.

E. Working with other Volunteer Organizations

Mr. Taft experienced audio connection problems and could not provide a briefing. Ms. Patricia Grant stated that she had another interested party to join the LTRG. She sent the email to Mr. Bickley. Mr. Bickley will follow up with it.

F. Getting the Word Out

Mr. Bickley stated that it was important to publish a success story early in the recovery process.

III. Other Business

Mr. Bickley asked if anyone else had any additional comments. Mr. Smith suggested that if the group is looking at 6 projects, he recommended selecting 4 that can be easily managed and 2 that may be more difficult to test the feasibility of completing more difficult projects.

IV. Next Meeting

Mr. Bickley stated he would discuss the next meeting with Ms. Grant regarding the next meeting which should fall on July 1st (during the week of July 4th) and will advise all participants of whether the meeting will be held that week or pushed to the following week.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Bickley asked again for any other input and hearing none adjourned the meeting at 3:59PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by David A. Greene, Deputy Chief / Emergency Manager

Colleton County Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG)

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

- I. The LTRG meeting was called to order. Each person introduced themselves to the group. The following people were in attendance:

Hank Amundson, Assistant City Manager, City of Walterboro
Chris Baker
Chris Bickley
Kelley Whitaker, Ackerman Street Resident
Emma Rooney
Skip
Kevin Griffin, Colleton County Administrator
Patrick Thomas, North Lemacks Street Revitalization Committee
Pat Grant, Colleton County Clerk of Court
Ellison
David Greene, CCFR
Adrienne Stokes, CCFR

- II. Chris Bickley explained the LTRG. Long-term recovery groups generally act as a connection between individuals and resources. The goal of the group is to help affected families access resources for their recovery from a disaster. Any interested business, government agency, or individual may become a part of the LTRG.
- III. Immediate organizational items
 - a. Chris Bickley is the chairperson. Pat Grant will be the Co-Chairperson.
 - b. A fund is authorized to be established with the Community Foundation of the Low Country. The fund will be called "Colleton Long-Term Recovery Fund". This fund will be set up as a non-endowed fund.
- IV. Things to start working on:
 - a. Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to remove brush and trees in North Lemacks Street area. (Hank, Patrick, and Skip assigned to this.)
 - b. Membership: The group is to continue finding organizations and individuals interested in becoming members. Those interested may contact Pat Grant. (Pat Grant was assigned to this.)
 - c. Officers: Chris Bickley and Kelly Whitaker will work on the slate of officers.
 - d. Priorities: Priorities need to be established.
 - i. We need to set amounts for individual projects.
 - ii. Define the type of work to be done;
 - iii. Demographics need to be addressed: elderly, disabled, renters, heirs property, homeowners
- V. The LTRG will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- VI. Other Items
 - a. Hank Amundson stated that 117 Ackerman Street will be declared uninhabitable and will be demolished.
 - b. Emma will send the group a sample of the framework.
- VII. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be June 16, 2020.