

**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**  
**PALM BAY MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING 2024-02**

Held on Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:01 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Donny Felix	Present
<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN:</b>	Keith Miller	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Paul D. Galbreath II	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Richard 'Mike' Hammer	Present

**CITY STAFF:** Present was Rodney Edwards, Deputy City Attorney; Terri Lefler, Deputy City Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**1. Regular Meeting 2024-01; August 5, 2024.**

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miller, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to adopt the minutes as presented, with additional verbiage of cornhole/pickleball tournament sponsorship packets to be provided by staff. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Chairman Felix, Yea; Vice-Chairman Miller, Yea; Ms. Bowes-Valcin, Yea; Mr. Galbreath, Yea; Mr. Hammer, Yea.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion of assistance towards Hurricane Debby relief efforts.**

Chairman Felix presented the item and advised that Hurricane Debby made landfall in the Florida Panhandle, heading northwest, as a Category 1 Hurricane and was downgraded to a Tropical Storm shortly thereafter. He did not see any particular area with catastrophic damage. Mr. Hammer stated that there was significant flooding on the west coast of Florida, but the damage was not at a level that the municipalities in the area could not handle. He stated that the National Guard was not called into the area that he researched; and the municipalities were not reaching out for help.

Ms. Bowes-Valcin mentioned that the beaches of Sarasota, Naples, and Tampa were hit hard. She asked if the DRC was allowed to assist with erosion (environmentally). Deputy Mayor Felix stated that the DRC was created to look at the immediate need of the affected areas. He said that DRC funding was extremely limited, and the DRC was currently in the process of implementing ways to replenish funding. Deputy Mayor Felix mentioned that if the DRC was able to raise a significant amount of money, perhaps the scope could be revisited. Mr. Hammer stated he would not want to turn down funding if it were provided specifically for that purpose. He told Ms. Bowes-Valcin that he would be happy to work with her if she would like to take the initiative and plan an event to raise funding for this specific purpose. Mr. Galbreath felt that the DRC should continue on the current path and focus on the smaller scope.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miller, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to deny assistance towards Hurricane Debby relief efforts. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Chairman Felix, Yea; Vice-Chairman Miller, Yea; Ms. Bowes-Valcin, Mr. Galbreath, Yea; Mr. Hammer, Yea.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:19 P.M.

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Donny Felix, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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Terri J. Lefler, DEPUTY CITY CLERK