Down East Council regular meeting, November 13, 2018 at the Davis Volunteer Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Lillie Miller.

There were 7 members present.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. We have on hand \$721.79.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lillie reported that she and Barbara had prepared the statement to the County Commissioners about getting a better disaster plan for the County. The issues presented were the need, particularly for the Down East communities, for better evacuation plans, shelters, communications and post storm housing. The request was submitted to the Commissioners but no response has been made at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Down East Council has been asked to have a representative(s) to the group Carteret Long Term Recovery Alliance. The goal of this group is to help our communities recovering from Hurricane Florence. Also to create a better plan for future disasters. There is a need for groups and individuals to work together on this project. Susan McNamara, from the Bridge Down East is on the committee already, more help is needed. There is a meeting November 29, 2018 at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. You can reach them at www.CarteretLTRA.org

It was stated that programs for recovery are still available but hard to find.

The Down East Council needs to get involved with regards to the closing of the Pruitt Health Care group in Sea Level. The center will be moving to Beaufort and we will lose the jobs there and the facilities for health care. The County owns the building and would like to have some alternatives found to use the building.

Richard Lowdermilk reminded everyone that Atlantic will be hosting the Down East Christmas Parade on December 9, 2018 at 3 PM. All groups are invited to come and join in. For more info call 656-4035.

There will be elections in January for the Down East Council. Please come out and volunteer for a position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be at 7 PM at the Davis Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday, December 11.