

Meeting Minutes
 Region 5. Neches Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
 Friday, July 22, 2022
 9:00 AM
 Hybrid (in person/virtual) Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Brent Heironimus	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	x
Jeff Branick	<i>Counties</i>	()
Liv Haselbach	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	x
Ellen Buchanan	<i>Environmental interests</i>	x
Phil Kelley	<i>Flood districts</i>	x * Allen Sims
Steve Moon	<i>Industries</i>	x
Kyle Kingma	<i>Municipalities</i>	x
John Beard, Jr.	<i>Public</i>	x
Scott Hall	<i>River authorities</i>	x
Brian McDougal	<i>Small business</i>	x
Joseph G. Majdalani	<i>Water districts</i>	x
Robb Starr	<i>Water utilities</i>	x

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Bregan Brown	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	()
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	()
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture	x
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	()
Colleen Jones *Rhonda Masters	General Land Office	()
Morgan White *Richard Bagans	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	x
Jonathan Walling	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	()

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12:7

Other Meeting Attendees:**

Risa Barber, LNVA
Kate Osborn, LNVA
Rolando Ayala, FNI
Lincoln Abbot, FNI
Chris Henry

Ryan Ard, LNVA
Jason Affinowicz, FNI
Reem Zoun, TWDB
Mary Bernard

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the ZOOM meeting and those physically present.

All meeting materials are available for the public at: <https://nechesfloodplanning.org/>

1. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Ellen Buchanan called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comment. There were none and the item was closed.

3. AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approve the minutes of the May 20, 2022 Technical Committee, May 26, 2022 and June 22, 2022 RFPG meetings

The minutes of the May 20, 2022 Technical Committee, May 26, 2022, and June 22, 2022 RFPG meetings were brought forth for review and approval.

Upon a motion by Brian McDougal and seconded by Brent Heironymous the minutes were accepted with unanimous board approval.

4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Update from Texas Water Development Board

Richard Bagans gave the update for TWDB. He noted all aspects of the emended contract between TWDB and the RFPG as well as between the Sponsor (LNVA) and the Technical Consultant (FNI) have been approved. Details regarding Draft Regional Flood Plan submission deadlines and method of delivery were mentioned, and it was recommended to refer back to emails sent previously by TWDB for clarification if necessary.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items (limit three minutes per speaker)

The floor was opened for registered speakers. There were none and the item was closed.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Update from Technical Consultant

- a. **Overview of Draft Regional Flood Plan**
- b. **Consider approval of Draft Regional Flood Plan and authorization to submit the plan and required materials to TWDB contingent upon incorporation of any necessary, non-substantive comments or changes including, but not limited to:**
 - i. **Updates necessary to adhere to recently issued TWDB guidance**
 - ii. **Non-substantive updates necessary to address recently received comments from the TWDB on the Technical Memoranda**
 - iii. **Non-substantive updates necessary to address recently received comments from the RFPG**
 - iv. **Updates necessary to address additional or outstanding RFPG comments**

The Technical Consultant gave an overview of each chapter of the Draft Regional Flood Plan. The Consultant reviewed the draft plan content initial delivery dates to the Group and outlined the additional items to be submitted with the completed Draft.

A motion was made by Liv Haselbach and seconded by Joe Majdalani for the RFPG to approve the Draft Regional Flood Plan and authorize the Technical Consultant to submit the plan and required materials to

the TWDB contingent upon incorporation of any necessary, non-substantive comments or changes including, but not limited to:

- Updates necessary to adhere to recently issued TWDB guidance (7/1/22)
- Non-substantive updates necessary to address recently received comments from the TWDB on the Technical Memorandum (5/20/22)
- Updates necessary to address additional or outstanding RFPG comments including clarification or correction of content
- No changes to content or technical approaches, but updates to how the content is presented/captured in the draft RFP.

The motion passed with unanimous consent of all Group members present.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Reports from other Flood Planning Region liaisons

- a. Region 3 Trinity**
- b. Region 4 Sabine**
- c. Region 6 San Jacinto**

Ellen Buchanan called for reports from surrounding Flood Planning Groups. There was no representative online representing San Jacinto or Sabine RFPGs. Ellen Buchanan stated Trinity was in the process of approving their Draft Regional Flood Plan.

8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consider meeting date for next meeting

The next RGPG meeting is set for August 18, 2022 at 2 PM. The Public Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2022, 2 PM at Lamar University.

9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consider possible agenda items for next meeting

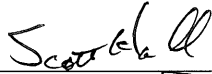
A speaker was considered to include a presentation during the next scheduled meeting, or one thereafter.

A request for additional information relating to potential projects was requested by Ellen Buchanan.


10. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM by Ellen Buchanan.

Approved by the Region 5 Neches RFPG at a meeting held on August 18, 2022 at 2 PM.



Scott Hall, SECRETARY



Jeff Branick, CHAIR