

Meeting Minutes
 Region 5. Neches Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
 Thursday, August 18, 2022
 2:00 PM
 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	x
Colleen Jones *Rhonda Masters	General Land Office	()
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
 Lisa Mairs, USACE

Ryan Ard, LNVA
 Jason Affinowicz, FNI
 Reem Zoun, TWDB
 Mary Bernard
 Stephen Costello
 Helena Mosser, USACE

Michael Reedy
Cary Dupuy

Dr. Matthew Berg

**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

Scott Hall called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

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 minutes of the July 22, 2022 RFPG meeting.

The minutes of the July 22, 2022 RFPG meeting was brought forth for review and approval.

Upon a motion by Steve Moon and seconded by Robb Starr the minutes were accepted with unanimous board approval.

4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items (limit three minutes per speaker)

There were no registered public comments and the item was closed.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Update from Technical Consultant

- a. Overview of Public Comment period
- b. Overview of Task 12 – Perform Identified Flood Management Evaluations, Identify, Evaluate, and Recommend Additional Flood Mitigation Projects
- c. September 9, 2022, Public Meeting

The Technical Consultant informed the Group that the Draft Regional Flood Plan was submitted to TWDB August 01, 2022, and was deemed administratively complete on August 08, 2022. TWDB is currently performing a detailed technical review of the Draft RFP with comments is due back from TWDB within 120 calendar days, November 29, 2022. The Draft RFP is available for review by any interested party until October 09, 2022. The Draft RFP is available online and in four physical locations within the Region. The final RFP is due January 10, 2023.

The Group reviewed and discussed Flood Management Evaluations relating to Flood Mapping Updates (22), Master Drainage Plan(s) (37), Project Planning (90), and Feasibility (7). The Group participated in assigning weights to various factors when selecting FMEs to perform.

The Public Meeting is scheduled for September 09, 2022 to receive comments on the Draft RFP.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Reports from other Flood Planning Region liaisons

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

Stephen Costello presented an update for San Jacinto RFPG. They have also submitted their Draft RFP and have two public meetings scheduled.

Ellen Buchanan informed the Group that Trinity RFPG was having an Open House type forum for their required public meeting.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider meeting date for next meeting

The Group suggested a Technical Committee meeting for September 15, 2022 and a full Group meeting for September 21, 2022. The date of the Public Meeting is set for September 09, 2022.

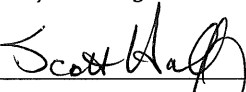
8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consider possible agenda items for next meeting

The Group agreed to continue evaluating FMEs and postpone the previous request to have an outside speaker present.


9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM by Scott Hall.

Approved by the Region 5 Neches RFPG at a meeting held November 17, 2022 at 2 PM.



Scott Hall, SECRETARY



Jeff Branick, CHAIR