

Meeting Minutes
 Region 5. Neches Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
 Wednesday, September 04, 2024
 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>	()
Jeff Branick	<i>Counties</i>	X
Liv Haselbach	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	X
Ellen Buchanan	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Allen Sims	<i>Flood districts</i>	()
Steve Moon	<i>Industries</i>	X
Kyle Kingma	<i>Municipalities</i>	()
Amanda Young	<i>Public</i>	X
Scott Hall	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Brian McDougal	<i>Small business</i>	X
Doug Canant	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Robb Starr	<i>Water utilities</i>	()

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent() / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Bregan Brown	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	()
Michelle Ellis	Texas Division of Emergency Management	()
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture	()
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Rhonda Masters	Texas General Land Office	X
Katie Pietsch Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	()
Lisa Mairs/Helena Mosser	US Army Corps of Engineers	()
Lisa Collins/Keith Horn	Texas Department of Transportation	()
Jacob Donellan	Federal Public Lands	()
Randy Reece	Sabine Neches Navigation District	()
Chad Ballard	Region 3. Trinity RFPG Liaison	()
Don Carona/Douglas Manning	Region 4. Sabine RFPG Liaison	()
	Region 6. San Jacinto RFPG Liaison	()

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 8

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

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Risa King, LNVA

Beatriz Estrada Guerra, FNI

Shanna Verret, DD3

Rolando Ayala, FNI

Dorian Mrse, USACE

Aaron Chastain, USACE

**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

Steve Moon called the meeting to order at 2:11 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: Presentation from United States Army Corps of Engineers on modeling of the area.

Dorian Mrse, P.E., Chief, Water Resources Section United States Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division on modeling within the Neches River Basin.

4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Status updates and discussions from RFPG members.

Ellen Buchanan informed the Group of an Entergy solar project at the Pine Island Bayou headwaters/wetlands. There is a public notice meeting for the project scheduled for September 05, 2024.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Katie Koslan, Texas Water Development Board, informed the Group that first cycle close out is in progress. TWDB has extended the submission deadline to Spring 2025 to give RFPGs more time to work on first cycle amendments to Regional Flood Plans. Second Cycle advances are being processed.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Approve minutes of the July 17, 2024 RFPG Technical Committee and Group meetings.

The meeting minutes were presented for comments. A motion was made by Doug Canant and seconded by Amanda Young to accept the Technical Committee minutes as presented. Ellen Buchanan motioned to approve the RFPG meeting minutes, and was seconded by Doug Canant. Both minutes passed with unanimous approval.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items (limit three minutes per speaker).

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

8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Reports from other Flood Planning Region liaisons.

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

There were no updates received for Regions 3 & 4. Steve Moon informed the Group that San Jacinto RFPG was following along the same course as Region 5

9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consider meeting date for next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2024 at 2 pm.

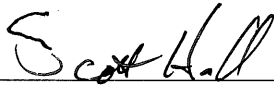
10. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Consider possible agenda items for next meeting.

Potential agenda items for the next meeting include an update from RFPG Technical Consultant.

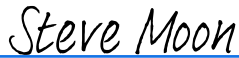
11. AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM by Steve Moon.

Approved by the Region 5 Neches RFPG at a meeting held November 13, 2024 at 2 PM.



Scott Hall, SECRETARY



[Steve Moon \(Nov 30, 2024 05:48 CST\)](#)

Steve Moon, CHAIR






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