

Meeting Minutes
Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
May 17, 2021
9:00 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) /Absent () Alternate Present (*)
Terry Been	Agricultural interests	X
Phillip Spenrath	Counties	X
Jason Ludwig	Electric generating utilities	X
Kirby Brown	Environmental interests	X
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	Flood districts	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	Industries	X
Matt Hollon	Municipalities	X
Frances Acuña	Public	X
Patrick Brzozowski	River authorities	X (joined during item 8)
Ann Yakimovicz	Small business	X
Kacey Cubine Paul	Water districts	X
Hank Smith	Water utilities	X
Kelly Payne	River authorities	X

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	X
David Galindo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Lauren Mayes	Texas Department of Agriculture	X (joined during item 8)
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	* Alika Valdez
Beth Bendik	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Hayley Gillespie	Texas Water Development Board	X
Ronald G. Fieseler	Region 11 – Guadalupe Liaison	X (joined during item 8)
Mark Vogler	Region 8 – Lower Brazos Liaison	* Brian Fambrough
Cara Tackett	Region 12 – San Antonio Liaison	
Christy Youker	Region 9 – Upper Colorado Liaison	* Chuck Brown

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 12

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 13: 7

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Matt Nelson, TWDB
James Bronikowski, TWDB
Morgan White, TWDB
Lauren Graber, LCRA
Annette Keaveny, LCRA
Juston McMahon, LCRA AV
Michael Moya, Half Associates, Inc.
Mike Personett, Half Associates, Inc.

Cindy Engelhardt, Half Associates, Inc.
Matt Bucchin, Half Associates, Inc.
Cris Parker, HDR
Jay Scanlon, Freese and Nichols
Karen Ford, WaterPR
Stephen Crawford
Marie Day
Kathryn Johansen

Nick Kincaid
Mieko Mahi
Stephen Rockwood

Cory Shockley
Kevin Shunk
Lisa McCracken Mairs

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.

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www.lowercoloradolavacafood.org/meetings

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Chair Phillip Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

2. Welcome

Chair Phillip Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting. He announced that Chuck Brown would be substituting in for Christy Youker as Region 9 Upper Colorado River Planning Group liaison.

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The draft meeting minutes were reviewed, and no corrections or additions were made. Kirby Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ann Yakimovicz. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

4. Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

Mieko Mahi requested that towns like Hallettsville be prioritized. She voiced concerns about contaminants after a recent rain event. She noted that fresh water is in short supply and she does not want their town to be forgotten.

5. TWDB Update

Hayley Gillespie from the Texas Water Development Board noted that the technical guidelines have been finalized and posted on the TWDB website. TWDB is reviewing RFPG subcontracts, which is moving forward on schedule.

6. Update from RFPG liaisons

Mark Vogler, Region 8 Lower Brazos Liaison, said that Region 8 is currently at same stage of the Regional Planning Group process as is Region 10. They too have selected Halff Associates as technical consultant and public meetings are scheduled for June.

7. Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

Lauren Graber reported that the sponsor, LCRA, has executed the contract with the technical consultant, Halff Associates. She said the next agenda item would be the kickoff presentation. She gave instructions to submit comments and invited all to ask questions and make suggestions.

8. Regional flood planning kick-off presentation and discussion with technical consultant

Mike Personett, Mike Moya, Cindy Englehardt, and Matt Buchin (all Halff Associates, Inc.), Karen Ford (WaterPR), Cris Parker (HDR), and Jay Scanlon (Freese and Nichols) successively presented the technical consultant's presentation entitled: *Lower Colorado – Lavaca Regional Flood Plan: A Texas Initiative*.

RFPG members discussed and asked questions regarding community outreach, public engagement strategies, floodplains, and technical consultant workload.

Chair Spenrath left the meeting at 10:55 AM and Vice Chair Kacey Paul served as the presiding officer for the rest of the meeting.

9. Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Vice Chair Kacey Paul called for public comments.

Mieko Mahi inquired about how quantification of low-water bridge crossings (vehicles, pedestrians) was assessed, because it could affect whether or not a project might be built. She expressed frustration that the “public” was being left out of the word “stakeholder,” placing more emphasis on experts. She wanted the term “stakeholder” to be defined and to not be exclusive so as to leave out smaller, rural areas.

10. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Vice Chair Kacey Paul opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting. After general discussion, Vice Chair Paul concluded that the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Lauren Graber said that in addition to the items included on the technical consultant's outlook calendar for June, an item would also be added at the next meeting for discussion of a possible public engagement subcommittee.

11. Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 12-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM CDT by Kacey Paul.

Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on June 21, 2021.



Matt Hollon, SECRETARY



Phillip Spennath, CHAIR