

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
January 5, 2023
9:30 AM
Hybrid Meeting

Roll Call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) /Absent ()
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	
Brandon Klenzendorf	Industries	X
Matt Hollon	Municipalities	X in person @ 9:40am*
Frances Acuna	Public	X
Patrick Brzozowski	River authorities	X
Ann Yakimovicz	Small business	X
Vacant / Ken Heroy	Water districts	X joined following item 11*
Hank Smith	Water utilities	X
Kelly Payne	River authorities	X

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)
Charles "CW" Schneider	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Carol Faulkenberry	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Hollie Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Shonda Mace	Texas General Land Office	X
Beth Bendik	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Tressa Olsen	Texas Water Development Board	X
Mark Vogler	Region 8 – Lower Brazos Liaison	*Brian Fambrough
Chuck Brown	Region 9 – Upper Colorado Liaison	
Ronald G. Fieseler	Region 11 – Guadalupe Liaison	X
Cara Tackett	Region 12 – San Antonio Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **10**

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

* Matt Hollon arrived in person at 9:40 AM increasing the voting members present to **11**.

* Ken Heroy was nominated during agenda item 11 increasing the voting members present to **12**.

Other Meeting Attendees: **

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting or signed in at the meeting location.

James Bronikowski – TWDB
 Ian Blair – TWDB

Mike Personett – Halff Associates
 Cindy Englehardt – Halff Associates

Jennifer Bassett – LCRA
Lauren Graber – LCRA
Annette Keaveny – LCRA
Rene Ogando-Nanita-LCRA
Cris Parker – HDR
Joe Hoffman
Lisa McCracken Mairs
Russell McDougall Wharton County OEM
Member Public

Jay Scanlon – Freese & Nichols
Karen Ford – WaterPR
Jed Darland
Lina Fisher
Stephen Rockwood
Judge Bobby Seiferman
Ed Tidwell Lago Vista, Texas
Augusto Villalon

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Agenda:

1) Call to Order

Chair Spenrath called the meeting to order at **9:33 AM CST**. 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 Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting.

3) Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The draft meeting minutes of December 15th were reviewed.

Kirby Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

4) Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Spenrath called for public comments on all agenda items.

Jed Darland provided comments related to the 9/15 RFPG meeting and the influence of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on the regional flood planning process.

Matt Hollon arrived in person at 9:40 am.

Carol Faulkenberry stated that she will be representing Texas Dept of Agriculture going forward.

5) TWDB Update

Tressa Olsen reported the TWDB sent out a newsletter in December regarding task fund expirations and the process for revising the task funds.

6) Update from RFPG liaisons

Ann Yakimovicz reported that Region 9 Upper Colorado has their final regional flood plan ready to submit to the TWDB by January 10th.

Ron Fieseler reported that Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG approved their final regional flood plan yesterday and will be submitted before January 10th.

7) Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

Lauren Graber thanked all involved with the Region 10 regional flood plan for getting us to this point.

8) Discussion and potential action to approve mileage expenses for reimbursement

Lauren Graber presented the latest voting member mileage expenses for reimbursement.

Kelly Payne moved to approve the mileage expenses, seconded by Matt Hollon. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

9) Technical Consultant presentations and discussions related to regional flood planning

a) Project status

b) Look-ahead calendar and next steps

Mike Personett (Halff Associates, Inc) provided updates, briefings, and discussion on the project status and look-ahead.

Planning group members asked questions and made comments during the presentation. The following items include highlights of the discussion during this agenda item:

Mike Personett mentioned that at the next meeting on February 16th, a request will be made to the RFPG to reallocate any remaining funds for Tasks 1-11 to Task 12 and/or Task 13. It is possible that we will also recommend adding one or more FME/FMP's with an approved preliminary list to move into studies.

We will also discuss potential meeting dates for May and June for preparing the amendments to the regional flood plan.

10) Discussion and potential action to adopt the final Regional Flood Plan and approve submittal of the final Regional Flood Plan to the Texas Water Development Board on or before January 10, 2023

Chair Spenrath thanked the RFPG and consultants that were involved with the final regional flood plan.

After discussion, Kelly Payne moved to adopt and approve submittal of the final Regional Flood Plan to TWDB by January 10, 2023, subject to non-substantive changes and refinements, seconded by Matt Hollon. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

11) Consider Executive Committee's recommendation, discussion, and consider taking action to fill the vacant water district interest category position for a term commensurate with the initial voting members

The Executive Committee received nominations for four individuals: Ken Heroy, Daniel Berglund, David Stewart, and Bobby Seiferman.

During the December 15th Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the qualifications of the candidates and voted to recommend Ken Heroy to the full planning group for consideration to fill the vacant Water District position.

Kelly Payne moved to nominate Ken Heroy to fill the vacant voting position to represent water districts for a term commensurate with the initial voting members, seconded by Hank Smith. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

Ken Heroy thanked the Region 10 group for nominating him to the RFPG and looks forward to meeting everyone at the February meeting.

12) Nominations, discussion, and possible action to elect RFPG Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for nominations for the annual elections of RFPG Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

After discussion, Kirby Brown nominated and made a motion for Phillip Spenrath to serve as Chair, Ann Yakimovicz to serve as Vice Chair, and Kelly Payne to serve as Secretary, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

13) Nominations, discussion, and possible action to electing two members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for nominations for the annual elections of two members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee.

Matt Hollon offered to step in if either of the current at-large members were wanting to step down.

After discussion, Kirby Brown made a motion for Jason Ludwig and Brandon Klenzendorf to serve as members-at-large on the Executive Committee, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

14) Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 10:30am.

Mike Personett mentioned that Technical Committee meetings are forthcoming as early as April to present the initial results of the FMX studies. We tentatively have two to three meetings set with the full RFPG during May and June.

15) Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt Hollon. The motion passed 12-0 and the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM CST by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on June 22, 2023.



Kelly Payne, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR