

PROJECT: Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)
NAME OF MEETING: Region 4 Sabine RFPG Meeting – July 2022
RECORDED BY: Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, CPESC
DATE: July 27, 2022; 9:00am
LOCATION: Virtual and In-Person (SRA Office – Orange, TX)

The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. If you do not notify us within five working days, we will assume that you are in agreement with our understanding.

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)
James (Bill) Bruce	Agriculture Interests	X
Johnny Trahan	Counties	X
Francis X. Shannon	Electric Generating Utilities	
Clyde V. McKee III	Environmental Interests	X
Don Carona	Flood Districts	X
Nikki Davis	Industries	X
Alton Bradley	Municipalities	X
Michelle Falgout	Public	X
Travis Williams	River Authorities	X
Jeff Rogers	Small Business	X
Roman D. Griffin	Water Districts	X
Ross Gordon	Water Utilities	X

Voting Members: 7

Voting Members Present: 12

Quorum: **Yes**

Non-Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)
Colleen Jones	General Land Office	
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Andrea Sanders	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Robert (Bob) Baker	Texas Parks and Wildlife	
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board	X

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair (FNI)

Allison Hand (FNI)

Doug Manning (OCDD)

Marvin Benoit (City of Orange)

Lisa McCracken

Cory Stull (FNI)

Jim Brown (SRA)

Mark Howard (SRA)

James Bronikowski (TWDB)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 9:02 am.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

- Mark Howard confirmed quorum with 8 out of 12 voting members.
 - o Michelle Falgout, Don Carona, and Michelle Falgout joined after the roll was called, bringing the quorum to 11.

Agenda Item 3: Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker).

- No members of the public online.
- No comments from the public.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held June 22, 2022.

- **Roman Griffin motions to adopt as presented. Seconded by Jeff Rogers. Motion passes.**

Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chair

- Travis Williams notes the accounting information. Received a total of 3 invoices. Approved by TWDB and awaiting funds. FNI has a 4th invoice waiting.
- We submitted the amended agreement with the proposed adjusted amounts. Awaiting approval.
- Big accomplishment today in approving draft flood plan.

Agenda Item 6: Update from the Texas Water Development Board

- Ryke Moore mentioned they have payment requests that are currently being worked through as well as the subcontract amendment on his desk.

Agenda Item 7: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.

- Doug Manning noted the Neches region approved the submittal of the draft plan
- Discussed format of draft plan comment meeting which will be on September 9th at 2pm at Lamar University.
- Next RFPG meeting will be Aug. 18th at 2pm to talk about Task 12.

Agenda Item 8: Update from Technical Consultant, Freese and Nichols

- Mat Leclair presented the following items
 - o Timeline discussion
 - Mat Leclair thanks the Sabine RFPG members for their time and effort in reviewing the chapters for the draft Sabine RFP and notes that the FNI team

has been working extremely hard on addressing them as well as generating all of the required items for the Draft Plan submittal.

- Mat notes that this is the draft submittal which will be delivered to TWDB next Monday, August 1.
 - Comments on the draft plan can be recorded as a member of the public so it can be addressed between the draft submittal and the final submittal in January 2023. Only comments from TWDB, comments from the public, and formatting changes can be addressed during this time. Mat notes that everyone is technically a member of the public, so even an RFPG member can make an official comment as a member of the public.
 - Doug Manning requests a checklist be provided to OCDD of required items for FMPs so they know exactly what is required to elevate an FME to an FMP.
- Task 12
 - Mat Leclair notes that coordination has begun regarding FMEs in the upper basin with the Public Works Directors for the City of Greenville (North Airport detention pond) and the City of Marshall (Parker Creek detention pond)
 - Have gotten very little info from the City of Greenville. They have directed Mat to an engineering firm in the Dallas area, but after repeated attempts at coordinating, they've not reciprocated or provided any information on the project for level of effort estimation.
 - City of Marshall noted that they are receiving FIF funding this fiscal year, so they don't need any study on the detention pond. But they did say they were open to studying the Parker Creek corridor with the funding we have.
 - Mat is coordinating with TWDB to see if an area can be studied if it is closely related to an FME, but not explicitly stated as an FME in the draft plan.
 - Mat notes that FNI is still anticipating performing the necessary analyses for the Orange County Drainage District projects with the Task 12 funding.
 - Ross Gordon requests FNI look at other Region's Chapter 8 recommendations to see how the Sabine compares to the rest of the state.
 - Don Carona asks if an FME can be changed to an FMP for the January submittal
 - James Bronikowski (TWDB) notes that reclassifying an FME to an FMP is allowed and possible during the draft comment period as long as there is a comment provided related to modifying an FME to an FMP.
 - Doug Manning requests an outline or checklist so that OCDD can move an FME to an FMP so that we don't inadvertently leave out information to prevent that transition.
 - Don Carona discusses Category 2 FIF projects.
 - Don Carona would like the Sabine region to provide comments to TWDB because Orange County fell through based on existing criteria and they were only eligible for Category 1 and not eligible for construction funding.
 - James Bronikowski encourages the group to submit any comments.
 - Don requests for a recommendation on how the group makes those comments.

Agenda Item 9: Discussion and potential action on Draft 2023 Regional Flood Plan for Region 4.

- **James (Bill) Bruce motions to adopt as presented. Seconded by Michelle Falgout. Motion passes unanimously.**

Agenda Item 10: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- Travis Williams tentatively proposed the next meeting for the Sabine RFPG to be held on Tuesday, August 30th at 1:00pm.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

- **Johnny Trahan motions to adjourn the meeting and James (Bill) Bruce seconds the motion. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 10:08 am.**