

Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
Sabine River Authority General Office – Orange, TX
May 26, 2021
1:30 PM

NOTE: This meeting will be conducted in person with limited seating by reservation (see below) and
via Zoom

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If you choose to attend the meeting in person, email mhoward@sratx.org to reserve your spot. Meeting will be held at the Sabine River Authority of Texas' Authority General Office 12777 Hwy 87 N; **please use the Hwy 87 entrance.**

This meeting is a public meeting under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Region 4. Sabine River Flood Planning Group will hold a public meeting via Zoom pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.127, as modified by the temporary suspension of various provisions in accordance with the Governor's March 13, 2020 proclamation related to, the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Sabine RFPG meeting

Sabine River Authority General Office- Orange, TX

May 26, 2021 – 130 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

2. Roll Call.

Presenter: Mark Howard for Jeff Roges, Secretary

3. Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information, and Instructions.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

4. Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker).

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

5. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held April 14, 2021.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

6. Consider nominating and selecting replacement for Region 4 Sabine RFPG voting membership to fill vacancy for River Authority representative.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

7. Consider nominating and selecting Vice Chair.

Presenter Johnny Trahan, Chair

8. Consider nominating and selecting replacement for the Executive Committee if needed.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

9. Update from Chair.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

10. Update from the Texas Water Development Board

Presenter: Ryke Moore

11. Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.

Presenter: Don Carona

12. Update from Freese and Nichols.

Presenter: Mike Reedy

13. Presentation: Overview of the Sabine Basin

Presenter: Mark Howard, Travis Williams, Mike Reedy

14. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

15. Adjourn.

Presenter: Johnny Trahan, Chair

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

PRESENTED BY: JEFF ROGERS, SECRETARY

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (V-Virtual, P-Physical)/ Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
James (Bill) Bruce	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	
Johnny Trahan	<i>Counties</i>	
Francis X. Shannon	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Clyde V. "Tad" McKee III	<i>Environmental interests</i>	
Don Carona	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Nikki Davis	<i>Industries</i>	
Alton Bradley	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Michelle Falgout	<i>Public</i>	
VACANT	<i>River authorities</i>	
Jeff Rogers	<i>Small business</i>	
Roman D. Griffin	<i>Water districts</i>	
Ross Gordon	<i>Water utilities</i>	

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present (V-Virtual, P-Physical)/ Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Colleen Jones	General Land Office (GLO)	
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	
Brian Hurtuk	Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	
Robert (Bob) Baker	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Number of voting members or alternates present. _____

Seven voting members are required for a quorum.

Quorum is present? Yes or No

**AGENDA ITEM 3: WELCOME, MEETING FACILITATION
INFORMATION, AND INSTRUCTIONS**

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Discussion and approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held April 14, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and approve minutes.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ APPROVED: _____

Meeting Minutes
Region 4. Sabine Flood Planning Group
Meeting April 14, 2021, 1:30pm
SRA AGO Large Meeting
Room and Zoom Virtual
Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (V-Virtual, P-Physical)/ Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
James (Bill) Bruce	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	P
Johnny Trahan	<i>Counties</i>	P
Francis X. Shannon	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	V
Clyde V. "Tad" McKee III	<i>Environmental interests</i>	V
Don Carona	<i>Flood districts</i>	V
Nikki Davis	<i>Industries</i>	V
Alton Bradley	<i>Municipalities</i>	V
Michelle Falgout	<i>Public</i>	V
VACANT	<i>River authorities</i>	
Jeff Rogers	<i>Small business</i>	P
Roman D. Griffin	<i>Water districts</i>	V
Ross Gordon	<i>Water utilities</i>	V

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present (V-Virtual, P-Physical)/ Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Colleen Jones	General Land Office (GLO)	V
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	V
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	V
Brian Hurtuk	Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	V
Robert (Bob) Baker	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	V
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	V

Quorum:

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11
Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 11: 6

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mike Reedy ***

Brian Huruk ***

Mat Leclair ***

Morgan White ***

Matt Nelson ***

Scott Trafton ***

Travis Williams (SRA-TX)

Mark Howard (SRA-TX)

Jamie East (SRA-TX)

Jim Brown (SRA-TX)

Bill Kirby (SRA-TX) ***

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

Note: Due to technical difficulties, not all virtual participant names were obtained.

All meeting materials are available for the public at: <https://www.sabine-rfpg.org/meetings>.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Interim Chair Trahan called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll call

Mark Howard, Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) staff, gave roll call. All 11 voting members were present, for a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information, and Instructions

Interim Chair Trahan, Clyde McKee, Travis Williams and Don Carona gave tributes to deceased Chair Bill Hughes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Action Item: Consider nominating and selecting replacement Region 4 Sabine RFPG Chair to fill vacancy.

Interim Chair Trahan showed Article VIII. Officers, Section 4 *Vacancies of Officers*, from the By-Laws on the Zoom meeting screen. Don Carona nominated Commissioner Trahan to fill the vacant position. Michelle Falgout seconded the nomination. The voting members present selected Commissioner Trahan to fill the vacancy of Sabine RFPG Chair by unanimous vote.

Jeff Rogers asked about filling planning committee membership vacancies, and Clyde McKee asked about filling the Vice Chair position that was now vacant. Chair Trahan nominated Don Carona as Interim Vice Chair. Clyde McKee seconded the nomination. The voting members present selected Don Carona as Sabine RFPG Interim Vice Chair by unanimous vote. Don Carona had served on the Executive Committee as one of the two at-large members; filling of this vacancy was tabled to a future meeting.

Chair Trahan asked Mark Howard to do the public notification requirements pursuant to Section 4.1 of the By-Laws, *Filling Vacancies*, for filling the vacant River authorities interest position as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Chair Trahan opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held March 4, 2021

Chair Trahan opened the floor for discussion on the draft minutes. Clyde McKee mentioned the need to change the date minutes were approved to from “4/8/2021” to “4/14/2021” and moved to approve the minutes with that correction. Roman Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Update from Chairman

- TWDB Grant Contract
Mark Howard stated that the Grant Contract was signed by SRA-TX and is to be executed by TWDB.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Update from the Texas Water Development Board

- Pre-Planning Meeting Overview
Ryke Moore, TWDB, provided an update. The Grant Contract is executed and TWDB is

working to wrap the process up with SRA-TX.

Ryke Moore stated that the Sabine RFPG needs to notify TWDB if any additions are made to the planning group.

Ryke Moore stated that the Pre-Planning Public Meeting was covered well in the Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) presentation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion and possible recommended action on pre-planning meetings

Members discussed the location, date, and format of the pre-planning meetings. It was decided to have the meetings at Lake Fork office on May 11, 2021 at 6 PM and in Orange on May 13, 2021 at 6 PM. The meetings would be an open house format so people could come and go and provide detailed comments.

After the meeting, a conflict was realized. The membership was poled and the date for the Lake Fork meeting was later changed to May 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Presentation from Freese and Nichols

Mike Reedy (Project Manager) introduced Mat LeClair (Lead Flood Planner) and gave a Planning Group Meeting presentation.

Question and answer session. No questions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Next meeting was set as being May 26, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Tad McKee. Second by Bill Bruce. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Region 4 Sabine RFPG at a meeting held on 5/26/2021.

Jeff Rogers, SECRETARY

Johnny Trahan, CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSIDER NOMINATING AND SELECTING REPLACEMENT FOR REGION 4 SABINE RFPG VOTING MEMBERSHIP TO FILL VACANCY FOR RIVER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

According to the Section 4.1, Filling Vacancies, of the Region 4 Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group Bylaws the Sabine RFPG posted on its web site and notified via email the county clerk in each county located in whole or part of Region 4 Sabine FPR. This was posted and emailed on April 15, 2021 and requested nominations by May 15, 2021. No nominations have been received.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Nominations:

Votes:

Result: _____ is elected as voting member of the Sabine RFPG.

AGENDA ITEM 7: CONSIDER NOMINATING AND SELECTING VICE CHAIR FOR REGION 4 SABINE RFPG.

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

At the Sabine RFPG meeting held on April 14, 2021 Don Carona was elected to the office of Vice Chair on an interim basis. The Sabine RFPG needs to take action to elect a permean Vice Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Nominations:

Votes:

Result: _____ is elected as Vice Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 8: CONSIDER NOMINATING AND SELECTING REPLACEMENT FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IF NEEDED.

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

According to the Section 6, Executive Committee, of the Region 4 Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group Bylaws the Executive Committee shall be composed of five Region 4 Sabine RFPG members, including the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and two voting members-at-large. This agenda item is intended to replace Executive committee member at large, if needed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Nominations:

Votes:

Result: _____ is elected as Executive Committee member at large.

AGENDA ITEM 9: UPDATE FROM CHAIRMAN.

PRESENTED BY: JOHN TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Freese and Nichols Contract is signed, and they are officially Sabine RFPG technical consultant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: UPDATE FROM THE TEXAS
WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

PRESENTED BY: RYKE MOORE, TWDB

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: REGION 5. NECHES RFPG
REPORT.**

PRESENTED BY: DON CARONA

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: UPDATE FROM FREESE AND
NICHOLS**

PRESENTED BY: MIKE REEDY

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: PRESENTATION: OVERVIEW OF
THE SABINE BASIN.**

**PRESENTED BY: MARK HOWARD, TRAVIS
WILLIAMS, AND MIKE REEDY**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 14: CONSIDER DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Date: _____ Time: _____

AGENDA ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

PRESENTED BY: JOHNNY TRAHAN, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

There being no other business, Chair Trahan will adjourn the meeting.

TIME: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ APPROVED: _____