

Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
Sabine River Authority Main Office, Orange, Tx
November 18, 2024
1:30 PM

NOTE: This meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom

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Location: Meeting will be held at the Sabine River Authority of Texas, Main Office
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Sabine RFPG meeting

**Sabine River Authority, Orange, Tx
November 18, 2024 – 1:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

Presenter: Travis Williams, Chair

2. Roll Call.

Presenter: Jeff Rogers, Secretary

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

Presenter: Travis Williams, Chair

4. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held on September 9, 2024.

Presenter: Travis Williams, Chair

5. Update from Chair.

Presenter: Travis Williams, Chair

6. Update from the Texas Water Development Board

Presenter: Katie Pietsch Koslan

7. Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.

Presenter: Doug Manning

8. Update from Technical Consultant, Freese and Nichols.

Presenter: Mat Leclair

9. Consider date and agenda items for the next meeting.

Presenter: Travis Williams, Chair

10. Adjourn.

Presenter: Travis Williams, Chair

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTED BY: TRAVIS WILLIAMS, CHAIR

Chair Travis Williams will call the meeting to order.

Time: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 2: 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>	
Doug Manning	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Nikki Davis	<i>Industries</i>	
Alton Bradley	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Michelle Falgout	<i>Public</i>	
Travis Williams	<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>
Vacant	General Land Office (GLO)	
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	
Manuel Martinez Alt. Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	
Andrea Sanders	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)	
Katie Koslan	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: PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTED BY: TRAVIS WILLIAMS, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 4: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PRESENTED BY: TRAVIS WILLIAMS, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Discussion and approval of minutes from the September 9, 2024, Region 4, Sabine RFPG meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve minutes as discussed.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ APPROVED: _____

Meeting Minutes
Region 4 Sabine Flood Planning Group Meeting
September 9, 2023
11:00 AM
SRA Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom

<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>	V
Johnny Trahan	<i>Counties</i>	P
Francis X. Shannon	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Clyde V. "Tad" McKee III	<i>Environmental interests</i>	
Doug Manning	<i>Flood districts</i>	P
Nikki Davis	<i>Industries</i>	
Alton Bradley	<i>Municipalities</i>	V
Michelle Falgout	<i>Public</i>	V
Travis Williams	<i>River authorities</i>	P
Jeff Rogers	<i>Small business</i>	P
Roman D. Griffin	<i>Water districts</i>	P
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>
Vacant	General Land Office (GLO)	
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	V
Manuel Martinez Alt. Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	P arrived at 11:08
Andrea Sanders	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)	
Katie Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Number of voting members or alternates present. 9

Seven voting members are required for a quorum.

Quorum is present, Yes, or No?

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair, FNI *

Mark Howard, SRA *

Lacey Rogers **

Christine Gardner**

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

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 11:01 AM.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

- Jeff Rogers confirmed the quorum with 9 out of 12 voting members present.

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

- No comments from the public.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held on June 17, 2024.

- Johnny Trahan motions to adopt as presented, Roman Griffin seconded. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chairman

- Travis Williams informed the membership that SRA and FNI are working on a Task Authorization for the 2nd Cycle Flood Planning.

- Working to execute the documents with the TWDB and they will send 20% release of funds to the sponsor.

- Everything is complete for Cycle 1 except final payment to FNI and that check has been cut.

- August 15 TWDB did approve the Texas Water Plan.

- Travis responded to Clyde McKee's email about the AgriLife Symposium. Tavis and others felt that this Symposium is geared more to Urban areas. Since the Sabine is mostly rural, Travis would like to bring someone to give a more tailored presentation at one of our meetings. Jeff Rogers volunteered to work on setting up a speaker from AgriLife for our meetings.

Agenda item 6: Update from the Texas Water Development Board

- TWDB is closing out Cycle 1 for Region 4, final payment has been made.

- First installment for Cycle 2 should be sent soon.

- Katie Koslan discussed the change in deadline for amendments to the 1st Cycle Flood Plan to Spring 2025.

- Ross Gordon asked about the funding of amendments with Cycle 2 funds, Katie said she would check

- Mat LeClair stated that FNI has been in conversation with several entities about amendments that they would like to include as an amendment in the Flood Plan. Also, FNI is planning to include OCDD relief ditch, some upper basin potential projects. Traylor and Associates has been included as a sub to FNI is working with Bridge City and Vidor.

- Travis asked about the number of amendments, Mat said he thought there would be at least 10.

- Ross asked about the deadline and if there would be a chance to further amend the Flood Plan; Katie said the Plan can be amended twice.

- Mat asked about the number needed of meetings to approve amendments; Katie said the TWDB would require only one meeting to select and approve amendments.

- Travis asked if there was enough time to make these amendments by the Spring deadline, Mat answered in the affirmative.

- Johnny suggested meeting more often until the amendment was complete.

Agenda Item 7: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.

- Doug reported that he was unable to attend, but according to the agenda there was to be a model update for the Corp.

Agenda Item 8: Second Cycle Pre-Planning Meeting

- Travis stated that we have forms for the public to fill out to make comments or suggestions about Flood Planning.

- Katie gave a presentation on the difference between the First and Second Cycle Flood Planning Scope of work.

- RD Griffin and Johnny discussed various ways to reach the public, including Facebook, presentations to the various councils, COGS, etc.

- Manuel Martinez spoke about several outreach opportunities, Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission meetings, TX Forest County Partnership, SFA Center for Applied Research.

- Travis asked for a flyer and a press that would describe the program with the form and an email with contact information.

Agenda Item 9: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- Discussion of the number of amendments and the need to meet in November. Mat listed 10 or so projects and it was agreed that a November meeting would be prudent.

- The next meeting was scheduled for November at 1:30 PM.

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn

Travis Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

Johnny Trahan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Doug Manuel seconded, and the motion passed. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 12:09 PM.

AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE FROM CHAIR.

PRESENTED BY: TRAVIS WILLIAMS, CHAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Work Authorization between SRA and FNI is executed and in force,
- Advance funds from TWDB (20% of contracted amount) had been sent and is in SRA account,
- Jeff Rogers is working on getting someone to speak to the Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group on Nature Based Solutions,

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

PRESENTED BY: KATIE KOSLAN, TWDB

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7: REGION 5, NECHES RFPG REPORT.

PRESENTED BY: DOUG MANNING

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: UPDATE FROM TECHNICAL
CONSULTANT**

PRESENTED BY: MAT LECLAIR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Team Introductions
 - FNI Team
 - Traylor
- Schedule overview
- Amendment Process
 - Timeline
 - Notice of Intent by 12/6
 - Data Submittal by 1/17
- Amendment Flyer for distribution to entities
- 2028 Regional Flood Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CONSIDER DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

PRESENTED BY: TRAVIS WILLIAMS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

PRESENTED BY: TRAVIS WILLIAMS

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

There being no other business, the Chair Williams will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TIME: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ APPROVED: _____