

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 4 Sabine Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**June 17, 2023**  
**1:30PM**  
**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>	P
Johnny Trahan	<i>Counties</i>	P
Francis X. Shannon	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Clyde V. "Tad" McKee III	<i>Environmental interests</i>	V
Doug Manning	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Nikki Davis	<i>Industries</i>	
Alton Bradley	<i>Municipalities</i>	
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>	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>
Vacant	General Land Office (GLO)	
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	
Manuel Martinez Alt. Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	V
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)	V
Katie Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	V

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Number of voting members or alternates present. 8

Seven voting members are required for a quorum.

Quorum is present, Yes, or No?

## **Other Meeting Attendees:**

Cory Stull\*\*  
Mark Howard, SRA \*

Mat Leclair, FNI \*\*

Marvin Benoit\*

*\*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 1:32 PM.

### **Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**

- Jeff Rogers confirmed the quorum with 8 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 February 5, 2024.**

- Clyde McKee III motions to adopt as presented, Bill Bruce seconded. Motion passes.

### **Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chairman**

- Travis Williams informed the membership that SRA issued a Request for Qualifications on April 25th, with a deadline of May 14th, and received one Statement Of Qualifications
- The TWDB contract has been received and executed by SRA's General Manager for the Regional Flood Planning second cycle
- Next steps:
  - Select a technical consultant and execute a contract.
  - Host a Pre-Planning Meeting this fall.

### **Agenda item 6: Update from the Texas Water Development Board**

- Katie Koslan reiterated that the State Flood Plan was complete, and comments are being accepted until 5 PM on that day.
- Also that the Flood Plan would be presented to legislature on September 1, 2024.
- Guidance for amending the Regional Flood Plan was sent out and is posted on the TWDB web site.
- Subcontracts between the sponsor and the technical consultant needed to be reviewed by the TWDB.

The meeting was paused due to some technical issues.

Clyde McKee asked if the Flood Plan would incorporate anything about riparian management and nature-based solutions. Like restricted zones around watersheds where we don't allow parking lots and etc.

Travis Williams thanked Clyde for the related email and comments and stated that as soon as we get the technical consultant on board we could have someone come in and present about nature based solutions. We did talk about these on a very high level during the first cycle, but there is not a lot in there now. During the second cycle this is something we should look more into and be exposed to. Michelle Falgout stated that there may be some things in there that indirectly related to ordinances and rules. There could be some limits to development in the flood way.

Travis Williams mentioned that there were some things in the strategies that we talked about recommendations and not requirements to the counties.

Johnny Trahan agreed that he would be concerned about requirements that there may be some unintended consequences, that he is for promoting the concepts but not about requirements.

Travis Williams further said that he recalled in discussions that we felt we were not a regulation entity and we talked about recommending some best practices and deferring the regulating to the cities, counties, and drainage districts.

**Agenda Item 7: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.**

-No Report

**Agenda Item 8: Discussion and potential action on selection of a technical consultant.**

Travis Williams stated that the RFQ was issued a request for qualifications, and we received only one response from FNI and that Other planning groups had similar results. We sent this statement of qualifications to the executive committee for their review. At this time we recommend Select Freese and Nichols as technical consultant for the second cycle Regional Flood Planning in region 4.

**-Bill Bruce motioned to approve the selection of Freese and Nichols as the technical consultant for the second cycle of the Regional 4 Flood Planning, Roman Griffin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item 9: Discussion of Pre-Planning meeting for the Sabine RFPG second cycle.**

- A recommendation was made to have the Pre-Planning Meeting in Center, TX and include it as part of our regular quarterly meeting and agreed to by voting members.

Katie Koslan asked if the Group would like the TWDB to present the Pre-Planning Meeting Presentation. Travis answered in the affirmative.

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

-The next meeting was scheduled for September 9 at 11AM.

**Agenda Item 11: Adjourn**

Travis Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

**Johnny Trahan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michelle Falgout seconded, and the motion passed. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 1:56 PM.**