

**PROJECT:** Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)  
**NAME OF MEETING:** Region 4 Sabine RFPG Meeting – April 2022  
**RECORDED BY:** Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, CPESC  
**DATE:** April 26, 2022; 1:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Virtual and In-Person (SRA Office – Orange, TX)  
**REVISED:** May 25, 2022

*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.*

*These meeting minutes have been revised based on the subsequent Sabine RFPG meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Revised items are shown in **blue text**.*

| 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                    |  |
| 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: 10

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     | X  |
| 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)

Mike Reedy (FNI)

Allison Hand (FNI)

Susana Cabrera (FNI)

Doug Manning (OCDD)

Jim Brown (SRA)

Mark Howard (SRA)

Marvin Benoit (City of Orange)

Oscar Pete

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**

- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.

**Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**

- Jeff Rogers confirmed quorum with 9 out of 12 voting members.
  - o Michelle Falgout joined the meeting after roll was called bringing the total to 10.

**Agenda Item 3: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information, and Instructions**

- Travis Williams welcomes everyone to the meeting.

**Agenda Item 4: Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker).**

- Johnny Trahan mentions a public meeting [regarding the proposed levee in Orange County](#) will be held tonight [between 5pm and 8pm](#), and 2 other meetings this week regarding the alignment, real estate, pump station, and drainage.

**Agenda Item 5: Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held March 23, 2022.**

- **James (Bill) Bruce motions to adopt as presented. Roman Griffin seconds. Motion passes.**

**Agenda Item 6: Updates from Chairman**

- Accounting to date. [\\$1,158,512](#) after payments to FNI. Currently processing payment #2.
- Additional contract amendment also which was discussed last time.
- Have not had a chair conference call since the last meeting. One scheduled May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 7: Update from the Texas Water Development Board**

- Ryke Moore mentioned informal comments were provided in April and formal comments will be provided in May. Comment response not required.
- Chairs and a technical consultants conference calls are coming up.
- TWDB provided guidance for voting on the FMXs. Must be easily identifiable but must be grouped in logical fashion.

**Agenda Item 8: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.**

- Douglas Manning attended the last Neches meeting and notes the factors in ranking.
- Discussed emergency need as well as other criteria.

**Agenda Item 9: Update from Freese and Nichols**

- Mat Leclair (FNI) presented on the following topics:
  - o Task 4A
    - Emergency Need was discussed

- Task 4B
  - The number of FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs were shown to the group.
    - It was reiterated that FMPs require a lot of data, especially data which quantifies benefits. If that is not able to be provided, an FMP may drop down to the FME list but could be studied further in Task 12 to bring it back to an FMP in the Amended Regional Flood Plan.
  - Cost estimates were presented for various items which may be recommended as part of the Sabine Regional Flood Plan
  - One Page Summaries are being created and will be distributed to SRA/RFPG in May for review ahead of being voted on for inclusion in the plan in June 2022.
- Task 6A: Impacts of Regional Flood Plan
- Task 6B: Impacts of Flood Plan on the State Water Plan
- Task 7: Flood Response Activities
  - Summarizing mitigation and preparedness in advance of flood events as well as the response and recovery after flood events.
- Task 8: Administrative/Regulatory/Legislative Recommendations
- Task 9: Financing
  - Indicate how potential project sponsors could finance flood mitigation projects.
- Anticipated schedule for chapter delivery was discussed to inform the RFPG when draft chapters would be ready for review and comment. Chapter delivery will be done in phases as follows:
  - Chapters 1 through 4 will be delivered first
  - Chapters 6 through 8 will be delivered next
  - Chapters 5 and 9 will be delivered last
- The timeline was discussed leading to the August 1<sup>st</sup> deliverable of the Draft Plan to TWDB.
- Additional items such as Task 12 and future public meetings were mentioned

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

- Travis Williams proposed the next meeting for the Sabine RFPG to be held on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am.

**Agenda Item 13: Adjourn**

- **Johnny Trahan motions to adjourn the meeting and Don Carona seconds the motion. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 2:48pm.**