

Meeting Minutes
Region 4 Sabine Flood Planning Group Meeting
February 5, 2023
2:00PM
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>	P
Nikki Davis	<i>Industries</i>	V
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>	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)	V
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)	V
Katie Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	V

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Number of voting members or alternates present. 11

Seven voting members are required for a quorum.

Quorum is present, Yes, or No?

Other Meeting Attendees:

Allison Hand**

Anita Machiavello TWDB **

Mark Howard, SRA *

James Bronikowski *

Dawn Pilcher **

Christine Gartner *

Marvin Benoit City of Orange *

Mat Leclair, FNI *

Mike Kelly TWDB **

Don Corona, OCDD *

**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 2:10 PM after some technical difficulties were sorted.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

- Jeff Rogers confirmed the quorum with 11 out of 12 voting members.

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 on September 25, 2023.

- Michelle Falgout motions to adopt as presented. Roman Griffin seconds. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chairman

- Travis Williams informed the membership that FNI has sent their final bill which will bring the First Planning Cycle to a close.

- He also informed membership of dates for the Second Cycle Flood Planning.

-Travis Williams brought up the subject of the Orange County Relief ditch, this project did not get into the RFP because it already had study funding. Don Corona spoke about the need for this project and that the project cannot get State funding unless it is in the plan. The TWDB said they would see what could be done and would meet with the OCDD.

Agenda Item 6: Election of Officers:

Travis Williams asked for nominations.

-Clyde McKee nominated all Officers for another term. Bill Bruce Seconded and the motion passed with no dissention.

Travis Williams was elected Chair.

Johnny Trahan was elected Vice Chair.

Jeff Rogers was elected Secretary.

Agenda Item 7: Election of Executive Committee Members-At-Large:

-Travis Williams asked for nominations

- Clyde Mckee nominated current Executive Committee members at Large for another term Johnny Trahan Seconded and motion passed with no dissention.

James Bruce and Doug Manning were elected for another term.

Agenda item 8: Update from the Texas Water Development Board

- Katie Koslan Thanked the group for their hard work in getting the Region Flood Plan turned in and that it would be presented at the Board meeting in March.

Agenda Item 9: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.

-Doug Manning reported that the Neches RFPG elected officers, agreed to hold meetings quarterly, and scheduled their next meeting on April 11, 2024.

Agenda Item 10: Update from Freese and Nichols

-TWDB had some very minor comments on the Amended Regional Flood Plan and those were addressed and turned in on December 26, 2024.

-The Amended RFP was accepted as complete

-FNI has sent its final bill.

Agenda Item 11: Discussion and Potential Action on Bylaws for the Sabine RFPG.

-Revised Bylaws were presented to the Sabine RFPG by Doug Manning. These Bylaws were changed to line up with the group's functionality and to remove some unnecessary language.

- Johnny Trahan motions to accept Bylaws as presented and Bill Bruce seconded and motion passed.

Agenda Item 12: Review of the Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group Application

-Travis spoke about the Grant application and stated that the Voting members should have gotten a copy. A revised Task Budget for Detailed Scope of Work would be sent out as edits to this document did not make it into the Grant Application that was sent.

Agenda Item 13: Review of the Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group Application

-Travis Williams suggested that the Sabine RFPG start meeting quarterly. Michelle Falgout suggested we start meeting in the first month of the quarter.

-Travis Williams proposed the next meeting for the Sabine RFPG to be held on Monday April 1, 2024 at 2:00pm.

Agenda Item 14: Adjourn

Travis Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

Johnny Trahan motions to adjourn the meeting, Roman Griffen seconded and motion passed. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 3:01 PM.