

**PROJECT:** Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)  
**NAME OF MEETING:** Region 4 Sabine RFPG Meeting – November 2021  
**RECORDED BY:** Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, CPESC  
**DATE:** December 16, 2021; 9:00am  
**LOCATION:** Virtual and In-Person (SRA Office – Orange, TX)  
**DATE SENT FOR APPROVAL:** December 21, 2021  
**DATE FINALIZED:**

*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.*

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	x
Clyde V. McKee III	Environmental Interests	x
Don Carona	Flood Districts	x
Nikki Davis	Industries	x
Alton Bradley	Municipalities	
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: 11

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	x
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	x
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board	x

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair (FNI)

Allison Hand (FNI)

Mark Howard (SRA)

Douglas Manning (OCDD)

Mike Reedy (FNI)

Susana Cabrera (FNI)

Jim Brown (SRA)

John Grounds (LJA)

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**

- Johnny Trahan called the meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

**Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**

- Mark Howard confirmed quorum with 11 out of 12 voting members.

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

- Johnny Trahan welcomes everyone to the meeting.

**Agenda Item 4: 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 5: Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held October 21, 2021.**

- **Clyde McKee motions to approve as presented. James (Bill) Bruce seconds. Motion passes**

**Agenda Item 6: Updates from Chairman**

- Johnny Trahan mentions there's not much to update since it hasn't been long since we last met.

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

- Ryke Moore mentions the chairs and technical consultants call on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Biggest item from Chairs call is we're going to have to have officers' elections again. Will have to happen at the first meeting of the new year.
- Ryke Moore noted that officers' elections occur during the first meeting of the year and requires a 30 day written notice to the RFPG.

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

- Don Carona mentions he and Doug attended the Neches region meeting and they did adopt the Tech Memo at the Neches meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Mat Leclair began the discussion for approving the technical memorandum.
  - o Concerns were brought up regarding the Gulf Coast Protection District has federal funding, but has not yet received local funding and would like to include this as an FMP
  - o Don Carona mentioned 2 projects which were left off of the FMP list – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project and the Bessie Heights project. Mat Leclair noted these 2 projects had funding and were placed on the existing projects list, which is within the

spatial data, but not in the tabular data. Ross Gordon noted that these projects still need funding and should be moved back to the FMP table.

- The FNI team noted that these 2 projects will be added to the table in the Tech Memo.
- **Travis Williams motioned to approve the tech memo with the 2 requested changes to the FMP list. Jeff Rogers seconds the motion. Motion passes.**
- Mat Leclair gave a demonstration of the online GIS data dashboard FNI created to show the flood related data associated with the Regional Flood Plan.
- Mat Leclair discussed Task 2 related to the existing and future floodplain.
  - Task 2A: Existing Conditions – The new Fathom data is being used to supplement the 100- and 500-year floodplains in Panola County where no floodplains exist and will be used as the flood prone area in other locations where it does exist.
  - Task 2B: Future Conditions – intended to give an outlook of future conditions under current regulations.
    - Current approach is to use the existing conditions 500-yr as the future 100-yr flood hazard on the tributaries and keep the 100-year and 500-year the same on the Sabine River as it is not affected as much by the local rainfall as much as it is from releases from Toledo Bend Dam.
    - Johnny Trahan noted concerns about the future conditions potentially limiting future development and growth.
    - A request was made for FNI to generate maps of 2 scenarios for areas south of Toledo Bend Dam which will be presented at the January 2022 RFPG meeting.
      1. Future conditions floodplains for the Sabine River will utilize the existing conditions 100- and 500-yr events
      2. Future conditions 100-yr floodplains for the Sabine River south of State Highway 12 will utilize the existing conditions 500-yr floodplain and a horizontal buffer will be used to estimate the 500-yr floodplain.

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

- Johnny Trahan proposed the next meeting for the Sabine RFPG to be held on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**Agenda Item 11: Adjourn**

- Travis Williams motions to adjourn the meeting and James (Bill) Bruce seconds the motion. Johnny Trahan ended the meeting at 10:25am.