

PROJECT: Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)
NAME OF MEETING: Region 4 Sabine RFPG Meeting
RECORDED BY: Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, CPESC
DATE: September 14, 2022; 9:00am
LOCATION: Virtual and In-Person (SRA Office – Orange, TX)

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 | |
| Clyde V. McKee III | Environmental Interests | X |
| Don Carona | Flood Districts | X |
| Nikki Davis | Industries | X |
| 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: 12

Voting Members Present: 11

Quorum: **Yes**

| Non-Voting Member | Interest Category | Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*) |
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| Colleen Jones | General Land Office | |
| Kathy Saucedo | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | |
| 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 | |
| Ryke Moore | Texas Water Development Board | X |

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair (FNI)

Susana Cabrera (FNI) – V

Mike Reedy (FNI) – V

Cory Stull (FNI) - V

Doug Manning (OCDD)

Mark Howard (SRA)

Marvin Benoit (City of Orange)

John Grounds (LJA) – V

Lisa McKraken – V

Reem Zoun – V

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 9:03 am.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

- Mark Howard confirmed quorum with 10 out of 12 voting members.
 - o Nikki Davis joined the meeting after roll was called bringing the total to 11.

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 on August 30, 2022.

- **Clyde (Tad) McKee motions to adopt as presented and Roman Griffin seconds the motion. Motion passes.**

Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chair

- Travis Williams notes the locations for the physical copies of the reports.
- Travis Williams notes the public meeting dates/times in Longview and Orange.
- Accounting:
 - o SRA has paid invoice 3 to date and received invoice number 4

Agenda Item 6: Updates from Texas Water Development Board

- Ryke Moore notes that payment requests are going more quickly now.
- TWDB is working through the draft plans and advises the group to be on the lookout for a newsletter in the near future.

Agenda Item 7: Updates from Region 5, Neches RFPG Report.

- Doug Manning – Neches is going through the same process and anticipating doing the same process that the Sabine RFPG did later this month.
 - o Similar process and slightly different results. Neches region is a little more focus on nature-based solutions.

Agenda Item 8: Update from Technical Consultant, Freese and Nichols

- Mat Leclair provided an update on the following items:
 - o Public Comments and Public Meetings
 - Public meetings were scheduled on Sept. 26 (Longview) and Sept. 27 (Orange)
 - Copies of the Draft RFP are in 3 locations for viewing as well as being available online for review.
 - o Draft Plan Schedule

- Public comment period will end of Oct. 28th.
- FNI anticipating to have revised draft addressing comments done by Nov. 18th
- Anticipating final plan to be posted by Nov. 30th to meet 14-day posting requirement
- Expecting December meeting to be held the week of Dec. 12th through 15th
- FNI will submit final plan no later than Jan. 10, 2023.
- Task 8 Recommendation Comparisons
 - FNI provided a review of the currently proposed recommendations in the Sabine Plan and noted they were very similar to the surrounding regions.
 - FNI provided some recommendations from other regions including simplifying funding application process, developing strategies to aid in acquiring federal funds, funding assistance for O&M activities
- Tasks 11 Outreach
 - FNI reached out to the City of Greenville (little to no response), City of Marshall, Rains County, and emailed all stakeholders regarding the draft plan being open for comments
- Additional FMEs
 - Lawrence Road Detention Pond, Cow Bayou Diversion Channel, and Elevation of Feeder Road Bridge along I-10 at Cole Creek. (OCDD Projects)
 - Parker Creek Corridor Study (City of Marshall)
- Task 12
 - 3 OCDD sponsored FMEs (Lawrence Road, Cow Bayou Diversion Channel, and Elevation of Feeder Road Bridge along I-10) were proposed as new FMEs.
 - 1 FME from the City of Marshall (Parker Creek Corridor Study) was also proposed to be added.
 - FNI outlined the scoring process which was based on the weighting performed by the RFPG during the August 2022 meeting which was outlined in a separate memo prepared for SRA/RFPG. Projects were then ranked to identify which FMEs would be recommended for the Task 12 funding.
 - Primary FMEs – highest scoring (avg. 8.10 out of 10)
 - Adams Bayou Detention
 - Cole Creek Detention
 - Cow Bayou Detention
 - Lawrence Road Detention
 - Claiborne Park Detention
 - Improvements to Kinard Estates
 - Terry Gully Detention
 - Secondary FMEs (avg. 6.53 out of 10)
 - Neighborhood Drainage Conveyance in Orange County
 - Railroad Trestle Improvements
 - City of Canton Infrastructure Improvements
 - Elevation of Feeder Road Bridge at I-10 and Cole Creek
 - City of Greenville Critical Facilities Protection Study
 - Parker Creek Corridor Study
 - Not Included (avg. 3.31 out of 10)
 - All other FMEs

Agenda Item 9: Discussion and Potential Action on FMEs to add into the plan (Lawrence Road Detention Pond, Cow Bayou Diversion Channel, Elevation of Feeder Road Bridge Along I-10 at Cole Creek, Parker Creek Corridor Study).

- **James (Bill) Bruce motions to adopt the new FMEs into the Regional Flood Plan as presented and Johnny Trahan seconds the motion. Motion passes.**

Agenda Item 10: Task 12 Analysis Results Discussion and Potential Action

- **Johnny Trahan motions to approve the Task 12 FMEs for further study and Michelle Falgout seconds the motion. Motion passes.**

Agenda Item 11: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- Travis Williams proposes no meeting for October.
- Travis Williams proposes the next meeting to be held on **November 16th at 9:00 am.**

Agenda Item 12: Adjourn

- **Johnny Trahan motions to adjourn the meeting and Doug Manning seconds the motion. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 10:06 am.**