

Meeting Minutes
Region 4. Sabine Flood Planning Group Meeting
April 14, 2021, 1:30pm
SRA AGO Large Meeting Room
and Zoom Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

| <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> | V |
| Clyde V. "Tad" McKee III | <i>Environmental interests</i> | V |
| Don Carona | <i>Flood districts</i> | V |
| Nikki Davis | <i>Industries</i> | V |
| Alton Bradley | <i>Municipalities</i> | V |
| Michelle Falgout | <i>Public</i> | V |
| VACANT | <i>River authorities</i> | |
| 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> |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Colleen Jones | General Land Office (GLO) | V |
| Kathy Saucedo | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) | V |
| Manuel Martinez | Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) | V |
| Brian Hurtuk | Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) | V |
| Robert (Bob) Baker | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) | V |
| Trey Watson | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) | |
| Ryke Moore | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | V |

Quorum:

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 11: 6

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mike Reedy ***

Brian Huruk ***

Mat Leclair ***

Morgan White ***

Matt Nelson ***

Scott Trafton ***

Travis Williams (SRA-TX)

Mark Howard (SRA-TX)

Jamie East (SRA-TX)

Jim Brown (SRA-TX)

Bill Kirby (SRA-TX) ***

***Virtual meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.

Note: Due to technical difficulties, not all virtual participant names were obtained.

All meeting materials are available for the public at:

<https://www.sabine-rfpq.org/meetings>.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Interim Chair Trahan called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll call

Mark Howard, Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) staff, gave roll call. All 11 voting members were present, for a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information, and Instructions

Interim Chair Trahan, Clyde McKee, Travis Williams and Don Carona gave tributes to deceased Chair Bill Hughes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Action Item: Consider nominating and selecting replacement Region 4 Sabine RFPG Chair to fill vacancy.

Interim Chair Trahan showed Article VIII. Officers, Section 4 *Vacancies of Officers*, from the By-Laws on the Zoom meeting screen. Don Carona nominated Commissioner Trahan to fill the vacant position. Michelle Falgout seconded the nomination. The voting members present selected Commissioner Trahan to fill the vacancy of Sabine RFPG Chair by unanimous vote.

Jeff Rogers asked about filling planning committee membership vacancies, and Clyde McKee asked about filling the Vice Chair position that was now vacant. Chair Trahan nominated Don Carona as Interim Vice Chair. Clyde McKee seconded the nomination. The voting members present selected Don Carona as Sabine RFPG Interim Vice Chair by unanimous vote. Don Carona had served on the Executive Committee as one of the two at-large members; filling of this vacancy was tabled to a future meeting.

Chair Trahan asked Mark Howard to do the public notification requirements pursuant to Section 4.1 of the By-Laws, *Filling Vacancies*, for filling the vacant River authorities interest position as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Chair Trahan opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held March 4, 2021

Chair Trahan opened the floor for discussion on the draft minutes. Clyde McKee mentioned the need to change the date minutes were approved to from "4/8/2021" to "4/14/2021" and moved to approve the minutes with that correction. Roman Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Update from Chairman

- TWDB Grant Contract
Mark Howard stated that the Grant Contract was signed by SRA-TX and is to be executed by TWDB.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Update from the Texas Water Development Board

- Pre-Planning Meeting Overview

Ryke Moore, TWDB, provided an update. The Grant Contract is executed and TWDB is working to wrap the process up with SRA-TX.

Ryke Moore stated that the Sabine RFPG needs to notify TWDB if any additions are made to the planning group.

Ryke Moore stated that the Pre-Planning Public Meeting was covered well in the Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) presentation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion and possible recommended action on pre-planning meetings

Members discussed the location, date, and format of the pre-planning meetings. It was decided to have the meetings at Lake Fork office on May 11, 2021 at 6 PM and in Orange on May 13, 2021 at 6 PM. The meetings would be an open house format so people could come and go and provide detailed comments.

After the meeting, a conflict was realized. The membership was poled and the date for the Lake Fork meeting was later changed to May 10

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Presentation from Freese and Nichols

Mike Reedy (Project Manager) introduced Mat LeClair (Lead Flood Planner) and gave a Planning Group Meeting presentation.

Question and answer session. No questions.

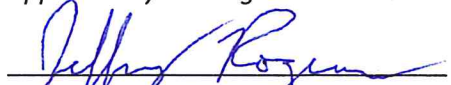
AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Next meeting was set as being May 26, 2021.

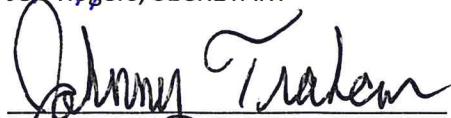
AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Clyde McKee. Second by Bill Bruce. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Region 4 Sabine RFPG at a meeting held on 5/26/2021.



Jeff Rogers, SECRETARY



Johnny Trahan, CHAIR