

PROJECT: Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)
NAME OF MEETING: Region 4 Sabine RFPG Meeting – March 2022
RECORDED BY: Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, CPESC
DATE: March 23, 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: 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	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board	x

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair (FNI)

Mike Reedy (FNI)

Susana Cabrera (FNI)

Jim Brown (SRA)

Jamie East (SRA)

Doug Manning (OCDD)

Reem Zoun (TWDB)

Lisa McKraken

John Grounds (LJA)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 9:02 am.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

- Jeff Rogers confirmed quorum with 8 out of 12 voting members.
 - o Later during the meeting, other additional voting members joined increasing the number of voting members to 11 out of 12.

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).

- 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 February 23, 2022.

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

Agenda Item 6: Updates from Chairman

- Travis Williams provided info in the packet regarding the finances for the Sabine Regional Flood Plan thus far.
- Travis Williams noted the additional \$569,000 which was the additional funds TWDB allocated to SRA. David Montaigne executed that document after the last meeting and SRA is working to execute the agreement with FNI.
- On March 2nd there was a chairs conference call with TWDB.
 - o Groups seem to be around the same spot.
 - o Also had an FME/S/P discussion

Agenda Item 7: Update from the Texas Water Development Board

- Ryke Moore notes to please submit the subcontract amendment as well. Email was sent on March 15th.
- TWDB did find the March deliverables administratively complete. Formal comments will be back by May.
- Next big item is voting on the FME / FMS / FMPs

Agenda Item 8: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.

- Douglas Manning attended last month's meeting and will attend their meeting tomorrow.

- They are in the same spot as the Sabine and are consistent in their goals rankings as other regions.
- Doug Manning will begin to generate a report from the Neches Region's meeting.

Agenda Item 9: Update from Freese and Nichols

- Mat Leclair (FNI) presented on the following topics:
 - o Task 3A (Floodplain Management Goals)
 - A reminder to everyone was made noting the goals were going to be recommended but entities are not forced to adopt the goals.
 - Mat Leclair mentioned the goals were revised and adjusted based on comments from the RFPG meeting in February 2022.
 - FNI will replace the word "require" to "consider" regarding compensatory detention storage for fill placed in the floodplain.
 - FNI will change the coastal habitable structure goal to read, "RFPG recommends all habitable structures in coastal communities are designed such that the finished floor elevations are 2 feet above the BFE or more where practicable for new construction and should consider combined riverine and coastal effects."
 - o Task 4A (Flood Mitigation Need Analysis)
 - FNI noted the 4A Mitigation Needs Analysis is a high level tool which highlights and identifies areas in the overall Sabine River Basin which have a large need for flood mitigation.
 - The analysis is currently based on a small scale HUC12 level to better identify smaller areas which may have a more isolated need compared to other areas in the same county.
 - o FNI will provide a summary memo of the Task 4A Analysis to the RFPG group for review and comment.
 - o FNI will also provide a summary of the items which constitute a determination of No Adverse Impact (also known as No Negative Impact).

Agenda Item 12: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- Travis Williams proposed the next meeting for the Sabine RFPG to be held on Tuesday, April 26th at 1:00pm.

Agenda Item 13: Adjourn

- **Clyde McKee motions to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Falgout seconds the motion. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 11:12am.**