

Meeting Minutes
Region 13. Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting
May 24th, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order

LJ Francis Called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

2. Prayer

LJ Francis conducted the prayer

3. Welcome, Roll, Meeting Facilitation Information, and Instructions

A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

Voting Members

Debra Barrett	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	present
Shanna K. Owens	<i>Counties</i>	present
Vacant	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	N/A
Lauren Hutch Williams	<i>Environmental interest</i>	present
Larry Thomas	<i>Flood districts</i>	present
Jeffrey Pollack	<i>Industries</i>	absent
LJ Francis	<i>Municipalities</i>	present
Adnan Rajib	<i>Public</i>	present
Sky Lewey	<i>River authorities</i>	present
Andrew M. Rooke	<i>Small business</i>	absent
J.R. Ramirez	<i>Water districts</i>	present
Larry Dovalina	<i>Water districts</i>	absent

Non-voting members

Jim Tolan	<i>Texas Parks & Wildlife Department</i>	present
Tim Frere	<i>Texas Division of Emergency Management</i>	present
Nelda Barrera	<i>Texas Department Of Agricultural</i>	present
Kendria Ray	<i>Texas State Soil & Water Conservation</i>	absent
Simone Sanders	<i>General Land Office</i>	present
Hayley Gillespie, Ph.D.	<i>Texas Water Development Board</i>	present
Joel Anderson	<i>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i>	present
Travis Pruski	<i>Nueces River Authority</i>	present
Kristi Shaw	<i>HDR</i>	present
Bryan Martin	<i>HDR</i>	present
Dave Mauk	<i>Liaison from San Antonio RFPG</i>	absent
Patrick McGinn	<i>Liaison to Region 12 &15 RFPG</i>	present

Guests

Judge Teal

Judge Blaschke

Stacey Barna

Laura Raun

Vilma Danielson

Adrien Hilma

Anna Aldridge

Mark McLaughlin

David Guajardo

Gabriel Ramirez

Teresa Carillo

Judge Jackson

John Metz

Nathan Slaughter

Katie Chapa

Alicia Reinmand Martinez

Sarah West

Mohamed Bagha

Susan Roth

James Bronikowski

Greg Garrison

4. Approval of minutes from the April 26th, 2021 Full RFPG and Pre-planning meeting

Debra Barrett Made a motion to approve meeting minutes.

Shanna Owens Seconded the motion

The Motion Passed Unanimously

5. TWDB Update & or Presentation

Hayley Gillespie's update: the technical guidelines have been finalized and update on the TWDB website. Hayley also stated they have been working with the Nueces River Authority and HDR on finalizing the contracts and the subcontracts.

6. Discussion Item from HDR – Presentation and input needed from public and stakeholders (flood prone areas, existing infrastructure, existing projects, existing flood regulations, short- and long-term goals, stakeholder list)

Kristi Shaw talked about the Public Comment Map. HDR customized the Public Comment Map for Region 13 with the help of Travis Pruski and the Nueces River Authority, it has been past out among the Counties, Cities and Public through out Region 13. Kristi reminded everyone to please put photos and comments on the Comment Map. Travis did a tutorial showing how to use the Public Comment Map.

Kristi Shaw talked about the Surveys that they will work on to get more feedback as well.

Bryan Martin talked about the need to identify the long term and short term goals.

Lj Francis Invited John Metz for the National Weather Service. John Metz talked about some of the things that the National Weather Service does and that the NWS is interested in the Region 13 Plan. They would love to be a part of our group and help in any way they can.

Lj Francis also talked about the USGS and them helping with our plan as well.

7. Discussion Item from HDR – Briefing and Feedback from Nueces RFPG Roadshows meeting (Groups A-D)

Kristi Shaw updated the group on the 4 regional Road Shows. Travis Pruski set the scheduled with local County Judges. Notes from these meetings are included on the Nueces RFPG Website

May 17th – Leakey

May 18th – Tilden

May 19th – Cotulla

May 20th – Sinton

Bryan Martin expressed his excitement in the information that was gathered. The Road Shows will put the Nueces RFPG Plan in the great place.

Travis Pruski wanted to thank Judge Rubio of Real County, Judge Teal of McMullen County, Larry Dovalina of Cotulla and Judge Krebs of San Patricio County for hosting the Road Shows.

LJ Francis asked about the notes from those meeting and information gathered. Kristi Shaw said they would be sent to the group shortly.

8. Agenda - Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Nueces River Authority regarding administrative matters of the Regional Flood Planning Group. (item moved up on the Agenda)

a. Discussion and possible action regarding status of solicitation for individuals to fill the one remaining voting position – Electric Generating Utilities

Travis Pruski will let the group know what part of the Road Shows that we received some interest in the Electric Generating Utilities Position. He will meet with a few candidates in the coming weeks.

b. Set the second Pre-Planning Public Meeting for June 28th or July 26th

The Pre-Planning Meeting will be set for Monday, June 28th at 1pm before our next RFPG meeting. Lj Francis updated the everyone on the reasons for the Pre-Planning Public Meeting.

9. Update from Patrick McGinn Liaison to Region 12 San Antonio RFPG and Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG

Patrick McGinn has been in contact with Region 12 and plans to attend their meeting. Patrick has not been able to be in contact with Region 15 and will work on attending there next meeting. Hayley Gillespie would have Morgan White (she is the TWDB sponsor for Region 15).

10. Public Comment

No Public Comment

11. RFPG members' comment

Hayley Gillespie had asked about the Subcontract for HDR and the Nueces River Authority. Kristi Shaw stated that John Byrum with the Nueces River Authority was getting the contract signed by the NRA executive board members.

Lauren Williams asked about funding from TWDB Flood Infrastructure fund. Travis Pruski let her know those funding projects were done before the start on the Region Flood Planning. Hayley Gillespie confirmed those were separate funding avenues.

12. Adjourn

Shanna Owens made motion to adjourn.
Debra Barrett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Francis adjourned 1:46pm

Shanna Owens, SECRETARY

LJ Francis, CHAIR

Minutes Prepared by Travis Pruski, Nueces River Authority