

Meeting Minutes
Region 13 Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting
Executive Committee
February 8, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item#1: Call to Order – Meeting called to order by LJ Francis at 1:07pm of the Nueces Flood Planning Group.

Voting Members

Debra Barrett	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	present
LJ Francis	<i>Municipalities</i>	present
Sky Lewey	<i>River authorities</i>	present
Larry Dovalina	<i>Water districts</i>	present
Shanna K. Owens	<i>Counties</i>	present

Hayley Gillespie	<i>Texas Water Development Board</i>
Travis Pruski	<i>Nueces River Authority</i>
John Byrum	<i>Nueces River Authority</i>

Agenda Item#2: Prayer – Mr. Francis led the prayer.

Agenda Item#3: Discussion and possible action regarding establishment of subcommittee or subgroups to assist and advise the Region 13 Nueces RFPG in development of the regional plan, as set forth in 31 TAC 361.12

Mr. Francis wanted to discuss the technical consultant is a subgroup that will work with the Nueces River Authority and evaluating respondents for the RFQ, scoring establishing a ranking of the respondents and then decide who will present for interview and then selection before the board. The subcommittee and consultant evaluation would be the purpose of that subcommittee. The subcommittee would report to the Executive committee and then it would be brought before the full group for action if any.

Ms. Hayley Gillespie stated other Regions do is several different ways.

Mr. Larry Dovalina stated that involving the sponsor along with committee members would be the best approach as you will have people that cannot vote and have a neutral stance on whoever gets elected and having input on the process.

Mr. Francis second idea is to form a subcommittee on external affairs. Their main responsibility would be to communicate with neighboring RFPG's and numerous water planning groups and probably Region N. If there is anything the group thinks would be a benefit if would be the subcommittees responsibility to find that info and bring it to the group. There are a lot of research groups that do flood planning activities that could bring in speakers on different topics. Mainly doing things than what Region 13 does.

Ms. Shanna Owens asked if we are looking at public outreach and to bring back info from other organizations to compile to assist us in our plan.

Mr. Francis stated that would be a good addition to their responsibilities. Especially when we need direct communication with different groups from outside Region 13, different municipalities, flood planning groups would be good.

Ms. Owens suggested to reach out to the Texas Sea Grant group, they do a lot of public outreach for flooding and flood planning.

Mr. Francis suggested for IDRT, they do a lot of disaster research. They can be on the lookout for agencies that we can reach out to for support. Keep in touch with them, introduce our consultant to them, bring them in for presentations. I think the RFPG should bring the business of educating residents.

Agenda Item#4: Discussion and possible action regarding RFQ Solicitation for Technical Consultant, to

Mr. Francis, Mr. Larry Dovalina and Mr. John Byrum discuss the qualifications of the Application for the RFQ.

Mr. Byrum stated the Nueces River Authority gives 30 days from advertisement RFQ's to closing submissions.

Ms. Owens asked to make sure to use specific language for the grant?

Mr. Byrum state the RFQ would meet the TWDB and Nueces River Authority guidelines.

Ms. Hayley Gillespie discuss the working schedule timeline for the process.

Mr. Byrum stated we could be able to have the RFQ ready by the 15th

Mr. Francis asked for the solicitation will be posted in the Corpus Christi Caller Times & on the TWDB website, the NRA website, Region 13 website and the Civcast site.

Mr. Travis Pruski state the RFQ would post on Feb 21st and close March 10th.

Mr. Francis set a meeting of the Executive Board for March 16th at 1pm to score the applications.

Mr. Pruski will make arrangements for site of meeting.

Agenda Item#5: Public Comments – There were no public comments. Public comments were closed.

Agenda Item #6: Executive Officers, Sponsor and TWDB Comments –

Mr. Francis discuss improvements to the website. Mr. Pruski stated he was working on improvements for the website and would have ready soon.

Mr. Francis discussed the budget for the RPG

Mr. Francis discussed the calendar for the rest of the year. Mr. Pruski would email calendar for the Last Monday of every month to the Board.

Mr. Francis discussed the Silver Jackets Program. It is a group that is associated with the US Army Corp of Engineers. They focus on flood planning mitigation and they would like to do a model of the Nueces River.

Agenda Item#7 – Adjourn -Debra Barrett made the motion to adjourn and Larry seconded it.

Shanna Owens, SECRETARY

LJ Francis, CHAIR

Minutes Prepared by Travis Pruski, Nueces River Authority