

**Region 13. Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting
October 30th, 2023, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30PM
McMullen County EOC, 306 Live Oak Street, Tilden, Texas**

Minutes

1. Chairman Barbara Canales Called Meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

Roll Call Conducted by Travis Pruski:

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Barbara Canales- Chairman	Industries	Present
Andrew Rooke– Vice Chairman	Small Business	Present
Robert Williams-Secretary	Public	Present
Lauren Hutch Williams	Environmental	Present
Sara Williams	Counties	Online
Raymond Dugat	Agricultural	Present
David Wright	Water Utilities	Present
Javier Ramirez	River Authorities	Present
JR Ramirez	Water Districts	Present
Lilly Wilkerson	Public	Absent
Larry Thomas	Flood Districts	Absent

Note: A quorum of board members was confirmed.

Guest:

Tressa Olsen	TWDB	
Kristi Shaw	HDR	
Bryan Martin	HDR	
Travis Pruski	Nueces River Authority	Director of Planning

2. Chairman Barbara Canales Led in Prayer
3. No Public Comments were made or received prior to the meeting.
4. Approval of minutes from the June 26th, 2023, Full RFPG Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of June 26th, as submitted, was made by Robert Williams, and seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew Rooke. Passed unanimously.

5. TWDB updates/presentation-by Tressa Olsen

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6. Discussion and possible action – Highest Priority FMXs identified from the 2023 RFP for Sponsor Collaboration/Advancement- by Bryan Martin

HDR prepared a list of high priority FMXs based on the results of the 2023 Amended Regional Flood Plan and met with Nueces River Authority on August 24, 2023, to discuss. A spreadsheet with costs and how strategies addressing Region 13 goals was shared as summarized below.

FME Short List

Region benefit:

1. Flood Warning Nueces Basin Early Flood Warning System
2. Nature based solutions Scaling Up Nature Based Solutions (NBS) to support community resilience.
3. Flood Reduction Diversion from the Nueces River to Choke Canyon
4. Flood Mapping Nueces Basin Floodplain Map Updates
5. Low Water Crossings Nueces Basin low water crossing study and upgrade prioritization.

Localized benefit:

1. Flood Warning Uvalde - Various Flood Warning gages
2. Flood Reduction City of Falfurrias City-Wide Flood Study (highest risk area of all rec projects)
3. Flood Reduction Uvalde City-wide Drainage Study
4. Flood Mapping Atascosa McMullen Hazard Mitigation Plan - McMullen County Action #2

FMP Short List

1. Devine Burnet Boot
2. Crystal City
3. Poteet
4. Pearsall
5. Benavides

Most recently, the City of Benavides and Frio County have expressed interest in collaborating with the Nueces River Authority to pursue grant opportunities.

The Nueces River Authority has interlocal agreements with Jim Wells, Frio, Refugio, and Duval Counties to support floodplain management activities.

7. Discussion and possible action – List of application announcements/deadlines for other local/state/national agency funding

8. Discussion and possible action – *Group discussion of Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(3), in which the RFPG determines what, if any, additional public notice the RFPG determines is necessary to ensure adequate public notice in its own unique region.*

Richard Williams recommends keeping public notice the same as in the By-Laws, seconded by Raymond Dugat. Passed unanimously.

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9. Discussion and possible action – Appoint new Executive Committee Member

Richard Williams nominates David Wright as the 5th Executive Committee member and seconded by JR Ramirez. Passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action – 2024 Meeting dates

Motion to approve May 13, 2024, and September 30, 2024, as the next meeting dates with a workshop at the Nueces River Authority Summit by Richard Williams and seconded by David Wright. Passed unanimously.

11. Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Nueces River Authority regarding administrative matters -Travis Pruski

NRA has hired a grant writer to help with grants. Travis will send everyone his contact information.

12. RFPG members' comment -No Comment

Chairman Barbara Canales adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m. and seconded by Richard Williams. Passed unanimously.