

Meeting Minutes
Region 13 Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting
March 29th, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Agenda Item – Call to Order

LJ Francis called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. 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
Vacant	<i>Flood districts</i>	N/A
Jeffrey Pollack	<i>Industries</i>	present
LJ Francis	<i>Municipalities</i>	present
Adnan Rajib	<i>Public</i>	absent
Sky Lewey	<i>River authorities</i>	present
Andrew M. Rooke	<i>Small business</i>	present
J.R. Ramirez	<i>Water districts</i>	present
Larry Dovalina	<i>Water districts</i>	present

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>	present
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>
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Guest

Judge Rodriguez	Judge James Teal
Judge Gilbert Saenz	Judge David Krebs
Allison Wood	Morgan White
Brandon Hilbranch	Bryan Martin
Rose Sobel	Vince DeCapio
Stacy Barna	Michael Vanecek
Brett Spicer	Sarah West
Belinda Hinojosa	Chad Ballard
S Stein	Dave Mauk
JBL	Pat

2. Agenda Item – Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information and Instructions

LJ Francis welcomed members to the meeting. Travis Pruski provided meeting facilitation information and instructions.

3. Agenda Item – Prayer:

LJ Francis conducted the prayer.

4. Agenda Item – Approval of minutes from January 25th, 2021

Larry Dovalina made a motion to approve the meeting.

JR Ramirez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Item – Approval of minutes from February 8th Executive Meeting

Larry Dovalina made a motion to approve the meeting.

Debra Barrett seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Agenda Item – Approval of minutes from March 16th Executive Meeting

Debra Barrett made a motion to approve the meeting.

Larry Dovalina seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Agenda Item – TWDB Update & Presentation from Hayley Gillespie

Hayley Gillespie gave an introduction in the Pre Planning Public Comments

8. Pre-planning Public comments - Public input regarding suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies to consider during the flood planning cycle/development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code §361.12(a)(4)).

Dr. Jim Tolan noted that he does not recommend Black Mangroves for Flood Control. The Black Mangrove are considered an Invasive Species.

Brett Spicer with US Flood Control Company discuss how his company does Portable Interim Flood Control. How they recommend placing Flood Control Barriers strategically throughout the region.

9. Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Nueces River Authority regarding administrative matters of the Regional Flood Planning Group.

a. Discussion on status Regional Flood Planning Grant fund disbursement

Travis Pruski informed the group everything has been turned into the TWDB. Hayley inform the group that payment would happen withing 30 days.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding status of solicitation for individuals to fill the two remaining voting positions – Electric generating utilities & flood districts (Deadline extension)

The group decide to extend the solicitation for until the positions are filled. Andrew Rooke made the motion and Jeffery Pollack Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding appointing Liaison/s to the neighboring Region 12 San Antonio RFPG and Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG

Travis Pruski informed the group that David Mauk. Travis also stated the group will need to find representatives to fill the 2 Liaison Spots.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of the most qualified Technical consultant based on submission documents received and reviewed from RFQ 20-03 on March 10, 2021 for the development of the 2023 Regional Flood Plan for Region 13 Nueces RFPG, as set forth in 31 TAC § 361.12 (a)(2).

Larry Dovalina made the motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the grading of the application for the Technical Consultant. Sky Lewey Seconded.

The Group moved into Executive Session at 1:55

The Group returned from Executive Session at 2:20

Andrew Rooke the motion to approve HDR as the Technical Consultant for the Nueces (Region13) RFPG.

Jeffery Pollack Second the Motion.

The motion was approved 8 to 1 – Larry Dovalina was the dissenting vote.

11. Agenda Item – RFPG Members Comments

No comments from the RFPG.

12. Agenda item – Adjourn

Sky Lewey made motion to adjourn.

Debra Barrett seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Francis adjourned at 2:36

Shanna Owens, SECRETARY

LJ Francis, CHAIR

Minutes Prepared by Travis Pruski, Nueces River Authority