

Region 13. Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting
 December 12th, 2022, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30PM
 McMullen County EOC 306 Live Oak Street, Tilden, Texas

Agenda:

1. Chairman LJ Francis called meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.
 - A) Roll Call

Voting Members:

David Baker	Electric Generating Utilities	Absent
Debra Barrett	Agricultural	Absent
Larry Dovalina – Vice Chairman	Water Utilities	Present
LJ Francis – Chairman	Municipalities	Present
Julie Lewey	River Authorities	Present
Shanna Owens -Secretary	Counties	Present (after roll call)
JR Ramirez	Water Utilities	Present (after roll call)
Andrew Rooke	Small Business	Present
Larry Thomas	Flood Districts	Absent
Lauren Hutch Williams	Environmental	Present
Robert Williams	Public	Present

Note: A quorum of board members was confirmed.

Guest:

Jim Tolan	TPWD	
Tressa Olsen	TWDB	
Bryan Martin	HDR	
Kristi Shaw	HDR	
Travis Pruski	Nueces River Authority	Director of Planning
Lorie Flores	Nueces River Authority	

Online:

Rene Saenz	City of Hondo
Kendria Ray	TSSWCB
Stacy Barna	
Andrew Chu	HDR

2. Chairman LJ Francis led in prayer.
3. Public Comment- No Public comments were made or received prior to the meeting.
4. Approval of minutes from the September 26th, 2022, Full RFPG Meeting
 Robert Williams made a motion to approve one Executive meeting on September 16 and three meetings on September 26, 2022, as submitted and was seconded by Larry Dovalina. Passed unanimously
5. TWDB updates/presentation by: Tressa Owens
 TWDB sent out an email December 6,2022 with requirements and the outline for the final regional flood plan which is due January 10,2023.
6. Discussion and possible action – Open Industry Membership Position

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The Regional Flood Planning Board did not reopen the category for Industry. All that was needed was clarification if Judge Canales was qualified for the Industry Category. LJ Francis asked at the previous meeting in September if Judge Canales had worked in any private industries. Judge Canales updated her resume which shows her private qualifications for industry. After reviewing Judge Canales's resume, she is well qualified.

A motion was made to appoint Judge Canales in the Industry position by Julie Lewey and seconded by Larry Dovalina. Passed unanimously

7. Discussion and possible action – Update on Task 12 Outreach and Work Plan by: Bryan Martin HDR

At the September 26th meeting Nueces Flood Planning Group approved Task 12 and Budget. Following the meeting, HDR contacted Nueces Basin entities to discuss potential projects to meet some of the basin's greatest flood needs. Based on feedback from city/county officials changes to the task 12 work plan to align with local needs. HDR has updated the tables to show each projects name. Each county pretty much stayed the same in addition to adding projects to Crystal City and Uvalde. HDR is using the funding to get as many FMP and FME as possible with this funding. Also, in the plan is to develop hydrology hydraulic models, doing benefit cost analysis, and no adverse analysis. Getting these projects approved by the board as a project before next springs. There are two meetings set already February 2023 and May 2023. The revising will be done by July 2023. The revised adoption is set for January 2024. Funding for these projects is coming from Texas Water Development Board not FEMA.

8. Discussion and possible action – Consider Comments Received on Draft Nueces Regional Flood Plan and Proposed Responses from-Bryan Martin HDR

HDR received comments back from 11 different entities which included the Texas Water Development Board, Texas Park and Wildlife, City of Corpus Christi, County of Duval, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, Hill Country Alliance, Public meeting in September, National Wildlife Foundation, US Army Corps of Engineers, San Patricio County and Nueces County. There were 111 individual comments identified and responded too. Many comments were regarding the GEO database, tables, and maps. HDR provided initial responses thru Tressa Owens from the Texas Water Development Board. Basically, letting them know this is how HDR understood the comments, and this is how were intending to respond. The Texas Water Development Board indicated that HDR was on the right track. Majority of the questions were related to Legislative admin, regulatory recommendations, or flood management strategies. Comments were broken down into different categories and sent to different subcommittees. These subcommittees looked at goals or legislative administrations.

Motion was made to accept responses to the comments and gives the ability to revise the draft plan by Andrew Rooke and seconded by Lauren Williams. Passed unanimously

9. Discussion and possible action – Consider Adoption of Final Regional Flood Plan with Minor Updates Required to Address RFPG Comment

Motion of the adoption of the Final Regional Flood Plan with minor updates by Richard Williams and seconded by Larry Dovalina. Passed unanimously

10. Discussion and possible action – Approve Submittal of the Plan by HDR to the TWDB

Motion to approve submittal of the plan by HDR to TWDB by Robert Williams and seconded by Andrew Rooke. Passed unanimously

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11. Discussion and possible action – Future Meetings Dates Feb 27th, April 17th, June 26th
Motion to approve future meeting dates with the possibility of change by LJ Francis and seconded by Shanna Owens. Passed unanimously
12. Discussion of the requirements for All members of the RFPG-13 under Texas Water Code §16.062(l) (Texas Government Code § 551 and 552) (Open Meetings Act and Public Information)
LJ Francis reminded all members they are required to complete training for Open Meeting and Public Meeting Act. If you need help finding the training, you can get with Travis Pruski individually.
13. Discussion and possible action – 30 day written notice of Officer Election at Next Meeting
Motion to give Nueces River Authority permission to write the written 30 days' notice for new officer's elections on February 27, 2023, by Larry Dovalina and seconded by Robert Williams.
Pass unanimously.
14. Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Nueces River Authority regarding administrative matters of the Regional Flood Planning Group.
At the February 27, 2023, meeting we will be doing a drawing of straws of terms. Half the RFPG-13 members terms will be up. Also, at the meeting Travis Pruski will bring up that David Baker who represents Electric Generating Utilities has not joined us in 8 months. Travis has tried to get in contact with him. David Baker's phone number is invalid and is no longer employed at the City of Hondo. The City of Hondo doesn't have any information or address for him. All Travis Pruski's information is still the same. David could notify Travis with any changes. RFPG-13 might want to start thinking about removing David Baker from the board and replace him. Travis will be meeting with TWDB legislative team on Thursday December 15, 2022. We also had one payment request in the amount of 70,813 dollars.
15. Update from Patrick McGinn Liaison to Region 12 San Antonio RFPG and Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG: Shanna Owens on behalf of Patrick McGinn there is nothing to report.
16. RFPG members' comment
Tim Tolan (nonmember) you all took on a task and accomplished it in a record amount of time. Job well done! Congratulations!
17. LJ Francis adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

The Region 13 - Nueces Regional Flood Planning Group may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted by law for a closed session. The open portions of this meeting will be recorded and made available to the public upon request. If you wish to provide written comments prior to or after the meeting, please email your comments to tpruski@nueces-ra.org and include "**Region 13. Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting Public Comment**" in the subject line of the email. Additional information may be obtained from: Travis Pruski, Nueces River Authority, 539 HWY 83 South, 830-278-6810, tpruski@nueces-ra.org.