

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
June 15, 2023
2:00 p.m.
at

**Northeast Texas Community College, Community Room-(Hum 101), 2886 FM 1735, Chapel Hill Road,
Mount Pleasant, TX 75455 and Via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference**

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Preston Ingram (William)	Agricultural interests	X
Andy Endsley	Counties	X
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	X
Casey Johnson	Industries	X
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kelly Mitchell	Small business	
David Weidman	Water districts	X
Susan Whitfield	Water utilities	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
James (Clay) Shipes	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Andrea Sanders	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Darrell Dean	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Tony Resendez	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Trey Bahm	General Land Office	
Anita Machiavello	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Lisa M. Mairs	USACE, Galveston District	
Travis Wilsey	USACE, Tulsa District	
Randy Whiteman	RFPG 1 Liaison	
Ellen Mott	Red River Valley Association	
Jason Dupree	TxDOT – Atlanta District	X
Dan Perry	TxDOT – Paris District	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **8**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of **11: 6**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Chris Brown – ATCOG

Kathy McCollum - ATCOG

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates Team

Parker Moore – Halff Associates Team

David Rivera – Halff Associates Team

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.

All meeting materials are available for the public at:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Reeves Hayter called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Reeves Hayter welcomed members and attendees to the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Confirmation of attendees / determination of a quorum

Reeves Hayter asked ATCOG staff member, Paul Prange, to conduct a roll call of attendees. Each present voting and non-voting member of the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG introduced themselves, establishing that a quorum had been met. Eight voting members were present along with five non-voting members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: *Consider approval of minutes for the meetings held Thursday, May 4, 2023

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Andy Endsley and was seconded by David Weidman to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Texas Water Development Board Update:

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Anita Machiavello, who was not in attendance, therefore no update was provided.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates:

Reeves Hayter asked for any updates relating to Region 1 flood planning activities. Region 1 liaison, Randy Whiteman, was not present so David Rivera stated that Region 1 was preparing to conduct their public meeting later this month to present the amended flood plan. Joshua McClure commented that only one regional flood planning group has conducted their public meeting prior to Region 2.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Technical Presentation by Halff Associates, Inc.

- **Presentation of the Draft Amended Regional Flood Plan (Draft Plan can be downloaded at www.texasfloodregion2.org)**
 - **Accept Public Comments on the Draft Regional Flood Plan**
 - **Review Previously Submitted Public Comments**
 - **Task 12 Status Update for additional FMSs, FMEs, or FMPs**
 - ***Consider recommending additional FMSs, FMEs, or FMPs**
 - ***Consider recommending the Amended Regional Flood Plan for submission to TWDB**

- **Schedule for Remaining Activities**

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who presented an overview of the Amended Regional Flood Plan and provided a Summary of Changes to the Amended Regional Flood Plan. Mr. McClure announced that the chapters have been updated to account for Task 12 FMPs and include updated maps and tables.

Joshua McClure discussed the updates to Task 12 relating to the following FMEs for inclusion as FMPs in the Amended Flood Plan: Anderson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (City of DeKalb) – Not needed; Pig Branch Watershed (City of Bonham) – No acceptable project identified; County Road 1051 (Hunt County); City of Hooks Infrastructure – Now called TexAmericas Detention 1 and 2; Big Sandy Creek Improvements (City of Paris) – No acceptable project identified; and the City of Texarkana Gauges. Brief discussion took place among the group. Mr. McClure stated that the only change being requested is to remove the Anderson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Levee Improvements from the list of potential FMPs.

Reeves Hayter asked Joshua McClure for clarification of the list of FMEs and FMPs and stated that there are now 6 projects in Bowie County and one project in Hunt County which will be included in the Amended Regional Flood Plan. Mr. McClure provided clarification and concurred. Mr. Hayter opened the floor for discussion prior to voting for this change. A motion was made by Laura-Ashley Overdyke and was seconded by Susan Whitfield. The motion carried.

Joshua McClure briefly presented the Impacts of the Regional Flood Plan. Region 2 has identified approximately 4.5 million dollars' worth of FMSs, which if implemented, would protect an additional 1,600 structures, 3,000 people and 115 square miles of land from flood damage; Approximately \$38,000,000 in FMEs of various types are being recommended and include approximately 6,000 structures, 32,000 people, 940 acres of agricultural land, 70 critical facilities, and 150 miles of roadway; Approximately \$52,000,000 dollars' worth of FMPs have been identified, which if implemented, would remove approximately 200 structures and 1,000 people from the floodplain.

Joshua McClure announced the schedule of upcoming deliverables and outstanding issues which included: June 15, 2023-RFPG2 Meeting to Review and Approve the Amended RFP; July 1, 2023 – Public Comment Period closes; July 14, 2023 – Amended RFP Due to TWDB. Brief discussion took place between Mr. McClure and Laura-Ashley Overdyke regarding her comments relating to additional nature-based flood infrastructure. Reeves Hayter asked if there was any additional discussion and commented that he hoped that during round 2 of the regional flood planning process, more flexibility will be offered by TWDB regarding “No Negative Impacts” downstream. Brief discussion took place among the group.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for a motion to consider the adoption of the Amended Regional Flood Plan for submittal to TWDB. A motion was made by Laura-Ashley Overdyke and was seconded by Casey Johnson. The motion carried. Mr. Hayter asked for public comment and no comment was received. The Public Meeting was then closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update from Planning Group Sponsor

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Chris Brown who announced that ATCOG participated in a webinar with TWDB and presented information relating to the second round of flood planning. Mr. Brown stated that the Region 2 Flood Planning Group would have to vote for a Sponsor and offered to continue administering the flood planning process during the next cycle. Mr. Brown also stated that he is coordinating with TWDB regarding budget revisions to close out the first round of funding. Mr. Brown announced that the procurement process for selecting a technical consultant for round two will be the same as round one. Mr. Hayter stated that he has been very happy with ATCOG's work and effort during round one and would recommend them to administer the process during round two.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion. The Region 2 RFPG board members agreed to conduct the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2:00 pm at location to be determined and via webinar/teleconference to take action on selecting the Ark-Tex Council of Governments to administer round two of the Region 2 Flood Planning Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Adjourn

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Casey Johnson and seconded by Susan Whitfield. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.
Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 9/14/2023.



Reeves Hayter, CHAIR