

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Meeting
November 3, 2022
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	
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	X
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	X
Casey Johnson	Industries	
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	
Andrea Sanders (Jose Rosales-Alternate)	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 (Ryke Moore-Alternate)	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Lisa M. Mairs	USACE, Galveston District	X
Travis Wilsey	USACE, Tulsa District	
Randy Whiteman	RFPG 1 Liaison	
Richard Brontoli	Red River Valley Association	X
Jason Dupree	TxDOT – Atlanta District	
Dan Perry	TxDOT – Paris District	X

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **7**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of **10: 6**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Kathy McCollum - ATCOG

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates Team

David Rivera – Halff Associates Team

Gini Connolly – Halff Associates Team

James Bronikowski – TWDB

**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

Greg Carter called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Greg Carter 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

Greg Carter 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. Seven voting members were present along with eight non-voting members.

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

Greg Carter opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: *Consider approval of minutes for the meetings held Thursday, September 1, 2022, and Thursday, September 22, 2022.

Greg Carter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meetings. Laura-Ashley Overdyke asked for a minor amendment in reference to the TPWD comments received. A motion was made by Reeves Hayter and was seconded by Laura-Ashley Overdyke to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Greg Carter turned the floor over to Ryke Moore, attending for Anita Machiavello, who announced that the TWDB provided comments to the Region 2 Draft Flood Plan and a formal response is required from the planning group. Mr. Moore also stated that the TWDB will host a conference call for technical consultants on November 9th to discuss general questions relating to the comments. A stakeholder meeting was held on November 1st to discuss changes to TWDB rules during the next planning cycle. The TWDB is looking forward to receiving the flood plan in January 2023, and the amended plan in July 2023. Additional guidance will be provided by TWDB in the coming weeks. Greg Carter asked about the stakeholder survey and Mr. Moore stated that it will be open for comment until November 4th.

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

Greg Carter asked for any updates relating to Region 1 flood planning activities. Region 1 liaison, Randy Whiteman, was not present so Joshua McClure and David Rivera announced that Region 1 is on approximately the same schedule as Region 2. Mr. Rivera also announced that he is working closely with Regions 1 and 4 to keep track of their progress, as well.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE

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

- **Update on Draft Regional Flood Plan**
 1. **Review TWDB comments**
 2. ***Consider approving the Technical Consultant to submit preliminary responses to these comments to TWDB**
- **Task 12 – Perform Identified FME, Identify, Evaluate, and Recommend Additional FMPs**
 1. **Update on studies**
 2. **Review revised Technical Consultant (TC) recommendations**
 - **Discuss Potential FMPs**
 - ***Consider approval of TC recommended list**
- **Schedule**
 1. **Revised Draft RFP submittal to RFP**
 2. **Select December meeting date**
 3. **Final RFP due to TWDB on January 10, 2023**
 4. **Task 12 Schedule**

Greg Carter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who began discussion of the Draft RFP Comments received from TWDB, Task 12- Technical Committee Recommendations for FMEs to FMPs, and the upcoming schedule of deliverables. Mr. McClure started with Task 12 and provided an update of activities and recent communication between Halff Associates, Inc. and the cities of Paris, Nash, Texarkana, Denison, Bonham, and Atlanta, relating to potential projects. Mr. McClure then turned the presentation of Task 12 over to David Rivera who provided a summary of potential FMP Candidates. Mr. Rivera announced that only two potential projects are currently pending, and they are both located within the City of Atlanta, TX. The results of follow-up discussions with these cities indicate that 7 FMEs can be elevated to FMPs in the Region 2 Flood Plan and 2 FMEs are questionable. Mr. Rivera provided a summary of details for each city and discussion took place among the group. Greg Carter asked Mr. Rivera about the project for the City of Texarkana, regarding the installation of flood gauges at flood-prone intersections being a public safety measure, which may increase the chances of funding by TWDB. Mr. Rivera and Mr. McClure stated that this project may receive a higher priority, but it all depends on how the TWDB ranks the projects based on all the criteria. Mr. Carter then asked about the potential project for the City of Denison. Mr. McClure elaborated on the situation in Denison and provided details of potential projects in Sulphur Springs and Paris, as well. Additional discussion took place among the group. Mr. Carter asked if there were any additional comments and Reeves Hayter stated that he appreciates the extra effort by the Technical Consultants to gather additional information and this list of potential projects looks good. Mr. Carter asked for approval of the Task 12 List of FMEs to FMPs and Reeves Hayter made a motion. Greg Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Joshua McClure presented the TWDB Comments from the Region 2 Draft Flood Plan and announced that 20 comments were required to be addressed and 28 comments were not. The Comments were presented in a spreadsheet with the proposed Region 2 Responses listed next to each TWDB Comment, for review and discussion by the flood planning group. Mr. McClure asked Ryke Moore if responses to

the comments were required to be submitted to TWDB prior to submittal of the Final RFP, and Mr. Moore stated that informal responses should be provided to Anita Machiavello separately, in an email. Mr. McClure then pointed out a few comments that were mostly GIS-related, and asked Gini Connolly to provide an explanation of these comments. Ms. Connolly presented data relating to Comment No. 6 from TWDB, which pertained to BLE and Cursory flood plain data (Fathom) potentially overlapping and affecting structure count and other analysis. Discussion took Place between Mr. McClure and the flood planning group. James Bronikowski, with TWDB, provided input for clarification of the 1% and 0.2% floodplain data. Mr. McClure and Mr. Bronikowski then discussed Appendix 2, as it was presented in the Draft Flood Plan. Additional discussion took place among the group, as Mr. McClure summarized each of the comments received from TWDB. Mr. Bronikowski continued to provide helpful suggestions for addressing comments. Mr. McClure then asked the Region 2 Flood Planning Group for approval to submit responses to the TWDB for additional feedback before submitting the Final RFP. Mr. Carter asked if there were any additional comments from the group and asked for a motion to approve submittal of the responses from Halff Associates, Inc. to the TWDB. A motion was made by Greg Carter and the motion was seconded by Susan Whitfield. The motion carried unanimously.

Joshua McClure announced the schedule of upcoming events including: Comments Received from TWDB on October 24th (Responses to Comments due to TWDB by November 24th), Submit Draft Final RFP to RFPG on December 1st (Minimum 14 Day Review Period), Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors Meeting on December 15th or 22nd (Meet to Discuss Comments & Approve Submission to TWDB), Optional Region 2 Board Meeting on January 5, 2023, and Submittal of Final RFP to TWDB on January 10, 2023. Discussion took place among the group relating to these upcoming deliverables and due dates. December 15th was selected as the next meeting date and Greg Carter stated that it will be imperative that we have a quorum and asked the board members to make the meeting a high priority. Chris Brown asked Paul Prange to contact the Region 2 Flood Planning Group via email and ask for confirmation of attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update from Planning Group Sponsor

Greg Carter turned the floor over to Chris Brown who announced that the ATCOG is currently working to address some minor changes to the amended contract between ATCOG and Half Associates, Inc. Mr. Brown also announced that Mr. Prange has been compiling the dates for various tasks due in 2023, including the selection of terms for the Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board Members (2-Year vs. 5-Year appointments) in June or July of 2023. Brief discussion took place among the group regarding term limits. Joshua McClure asked James Bronikowski if funding is in place for planning activities beyond July of 2023, and Mr. Bronikowski stated yes, the funding has been appropriated by the State Legislature for the next planning cycle. Mr. Brown asked when the contract for the second funding cycle would be developed, and Mr. Bronikowski stated that the TWDB hopes to have contracts executed around October of 2023.


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

Greg Carter 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, December 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined and via webinar/teleconference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Adjourn

Greg Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Laura-Ashley Overdyke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 12/15/2022.



Reeves Hayter, CHAIR