

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
May 2, 2024
2:00 p.m.
at

**Small Business Development Center, 105 North Riddle, 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> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| David Basinger | Agricultural interests | X |
| Andy Endsley | Counties | X |
| W. Greg Carter | Electric generating utilities | X |
| Laura-Ashley Overdyke | Environmental interests | X |
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| 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 |
| Brad Thomas | Water utilities | |

| <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 | Texas Division of Emergency Management | |
| Darrell Dean | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Tony Resendez | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | |
| Trey Bahm | General Land Office | |
| Cynthia Nolasco | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| 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 | |
| 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

Mary Beth Rudel – ATCOG

Anita Machiavello – 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.

Reeves Hayter called the meeting to order at 2:01 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 two 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, February 1, 2024.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Laura-Ashley Overdyke and was seconded by Greg Carter to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: *Consider approval of applications submitted by interested parties, to serve as a voting member of the Region 2 Flood Planning Group, representing the category of *Agricultural Interests*.

Reeves Hayter announced that an application has been received from Mr. David Basinger to fill the vacant position of *Agricultural Interests*. Mr. Hayter stated that Mr. Basinger represents Lamar, Delta, and Red River Counties where he has managed crop production for over 27 years on approximately 3,500 acres of land in the Sulphur River floodplain. Mr. Basinger is also the current Chairman of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Hayter made a motion to nominate Mr. Basinger and Greg Cater seconded the motion. Laura-Ashley Overdyke commented that he seems to be well qualified for the position. The motion carried and Mr. Basinger was welcomed as a new voting member of the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: *Consider appointment of a Region 2 Liaison to coordinate with Region 1 during Round 2 of the Regional Flood Planning Process.

Reeves Hayter announced that this position is required by the Region 2 Flood Planning Group Bylaws and the role of the liaison is to ensure that there is no conflict between Region 1 and Region 2 since the regions share a common river basin. The liaison would ideally attend the Region 1 Flood Planning Group meetings to stay informed about their ongoing activities. Mr. Hayter asked the group if anyone wanted to volunteer to serve in this position and no one volunteered. Mr. Hayter then offered an alternate suggestion that the Region 2 Flood Planning Group's technical consultant serve in this capacity. Brief discussion took place and Mr. Hayter asked Cynthia Nolasco if she could coordinate with both regions and serve in this capacity. Ms. Nolasco asked Anita Machiavello to comment on this possibility, and she

stated that TWDB Staff could not officially serve in the capacity of regional liaisons. Mr. Hayter stated that Region 2 would pursue assigning a board member to serve as the liaison for Region1.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: *Discuss and Consider the review/selection process for RFQ applications received from Technical Consultants.

Reeves Hayter stated that Region 2 has published the RFQ for Round 2 and the deadline for applications to be submitted is May 15, 2024. Mr. Hayter suggested that the Executive Committee conduct a review of the proposals if more than 3 are submitted and provide a recommendation to the full board. If fewer than 4 proposals are received, the full board will review them at the next meeting and make a decision to select a technical consultant. Brief discussion took place regarding utilizing the Executive Committee versus a select committee of board members, not entirely composed of Executive Committee members. Mary Beth Rudel commented on the TWDB contract and timeline of deliverables. A motion to approve this process was made by Reeves Hayter and seconded by Greg Carter. The motion carried.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Texas Water Development Board Update.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who asked the group to read the November TWDB Newsletter which contains a working timeline with important dates relating to the transition from Round 1 to Round 2 of flood planning. The TWDB has completed the RFA process and the Region 2 application has been accepted. Contract execution is underway and will be completed by June 24, 2024. Ms. Nolasco also reminded the group to follow all procurement policies related to the selection of a technical consultant and the execution of the Round 2 contract. Lastly, Ms. Nolasco stated that she could schedule monthly meetings between Region 1 and Region 2 to discuss ongoing activities relating to timelines and the overall flood planning process, if necessary. Mr. Hayter thanked Ms. Nolasco for the update.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates.

Reeves Hayter announced that Anita Machiavello provided this information earlier in the meeting

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Update from Planning Group Sponsor.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who announced that the RFQ application period is now open and will close in 13 days. ATCOG received one question from Half Associates and posted it to the RFP2 website along with the response. Mr. Prange posed a question to the group regarding the possibility of appointing some non-voting members as alternates for current voting members. Discussion took place among the group and Anita Machiavello stated that normally the voting members choose co-workers or another person associated with their own interest category. She also mentioned that some federal and state agencies may not allow their employees to fill the role of a voting member.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and encouraged each voting member to make an effort to attend the next meeting in-person. The Region 2 RFPG board members agreed to conduct the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group Full Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Office and via webinar/teleconference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn.

Greg Carter made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by seconded by David Basinger. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 7/11/2024.



Reeves Hayter, CHAIR