

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Meeting
July 21, 2022
2:00 p.m.

**Ark-Tex Council of Governments Office (Conference Room), 4808 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, TX 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	
Andy Endsley	Counties	X
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	X
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	
Casey Johnson	Industries	X
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kelly Mitchell	Small business	X
Joseph W. Weir III (resigned)	Water districts	
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	
Trey Bahm	General Land Office	
Anita Machiavello	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Darlene Prochaska (retired)	USACE, Fort Worth District	
Travis Wilsey	USACE, Tulsa District	
Randy Whiteman	RFPG 1 Liaison	X
Richard Brontoli	Red River Valley Association	
Jason Dupree	TxDOT – Atlanta District	X
Dan Perry	TxDOT – Paris District	X

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **5**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of **9: 5**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Chris Brown - ATCOG

Kathy McCollum - ATCOG

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates Team

David Rivera – Halff Associates Team

Parker Moore – 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 2:26 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. Six voting members were present along with seven 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.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Technical Presentation by Halff Associates, Inc.

- a. **Discussion of Comments on the Draft Regional Flood Plan**
- b. ***Consider approval of the Draft Regional Flood Plan for submission to TWDB.
Vote on Item.**
- c. **Draft Regional Flood Plan submission process**
- d. **Public locations for posting Draft Regional Flood Plan**
- e. **Schedule**

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who announced that the main topic of this meeting is to get the Draft Regional Flood Plan approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group. Mr. McClure also provided information about the American Flood Coalition, which is a non-profit organization that advocates for flood protection against increasing storm intensity and rising sea levels. This organization has met with other Regional Flood Planning Groups and will be conducting a presentation in Dallas, TX on September 19, 2022. Mr. McClure asked if Region 2 would like to invite them to conduct a presentation at a future meeting and Reeves Hayter stated that he is aware of this organization.

Reeves Hayter asked the Region 2 Flood Planning Group if they had any questions or comments about the Draft Regional Flood Plan before voting to submit it and he also asked Joshua McClure if there have been any substantial changes made since the July 7, 2022 RFPG2 meeting. Mr. McClure announced that there have not been any substantive changes made to the plan, although the Cover Page is still being developed. Mr. Hayter then opened the floor for a motion to approve the Draft Regional Flood Plan. A motion was made by Casey Johnson and it was seconded by Greg Carter. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hayter asked about the public locations for posting the Draft Regional Flood Plan and Mr. McClure announced that he plans to post it in Public Libraries located in Texarkana, TX, Mount Pleasant, TX and Sherman, TX. Mr. Hayter asked if Region 2 needs to conduct an Executive Committee meeting prior to September 1, 2022 and Mr. McClure stated that the September 1, 2022 RFPG2 meeting

just needs to be a public meeting where comments can be received. Mr. Hayter asked if Region 2 needs to conduct an interim meeting to approve the methodology of the additional work being performed. Discussion took place among the group and it was decided that the Region 2 Flood Planning Group's Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of Reeves Hayter, Greg Carter, Andy Endsley, Dustin Henslee and Laura-Ashley Overdyke, will meet in mid-August for this purpose. August 11, 2022 was proposed as the date for the next meeting.

Joshua McClure then presented the schedule of upcoming activities including: 60 Days of Public Comments beginning on August 1, 2022 and ending on October 1, 2022, Addressing Public Comments, Presenting the Draft Regional Flood Plan to the public on September 1, 2022, Discussion of Comments at the October 7, 2022 RFPG2 Meeting, and Continuing Discussion of FMEs and FMPs.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Adjourn

Reeves Hayter adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 09/01/2022.

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Reeves Hayter, CHAIR