

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Meeting
September 1, 2022
2:00 p.m.

**Northeast Texas Community College, Community Room – (Hum 101), 2866 FM 1735, Chapel Hill Road,
Mount Pleasant, 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	X
Casey Johnson	Industries	
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kelly Mitchell	Small business	
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	
Andrea Sanders	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Darrell Dean	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Tony Resendez	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Trey Bahm	General Land Office	
Anita Machiavello	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Darlene Prochaska	USACE, Fort Worth District	
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	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **6**

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

James Bronikowski – TWDB

Clay Barnett – Grayson County Engineer

**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 2:05 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 and four non-voting members were also present.

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, July 7, 2022 and Thursday, July 21, 2022.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meetings. A motion was made by Andy Endsley and was seconded by Greg Carter 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 encouraged the members of the flood planning group to revisit the TWDB website and review the newsletters which contain guidance relating to the regional flood plans. Ms. Machiavello also mentioned that emails have been sent out from TWDB regarding sub-contract amendments and another newsletter is being developed at this time.

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. Joshua McClure announced that Region 1 is on approximately the same schedule as Region 2 and did not have any additional information to share.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Presentation of the Draft Regional Flood Plan:

- a. **Accept Public Comments on the Draft Regional Flood Plan**
- b. **Review Previously Submitted Public Comments**
- c. **Schedule**

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who began discussion of the Draft Regional Flood Plan. Mr. McClure announced that one member of the public was present at this meeting via webinar and introduced Mr. Clay Barnett, Grayson County Engineer. Mr. McClure stated that he and Mr. Barnett had discussed the regional flood plan during the past two months and asked Mr. Barnett to provide comments on the plan. Mr. Barnett stated that he would continue to be involved with the development of the plan and asked where it could be viewed and if any changes could be made in the future. Mr. McClure announced that the Draft Regional Flood Plan is available for viewing at the Sherman, TX City Hall and on the Region 2 Flood Planning Group's website www.texasfloodregion2.org. Reeves Hayter mentioned that the Floodplain Quilt is also available on the Region2 website. Mr. McClure announced that the Draft Regional Flood Plan is due to TWDB in January of 2023 and that no substantial changes would be made before that time. However, the TWDB has allocated additional funds for an addendum to the plan which can be utilized next year for the purpose of adding projects to the Draft Regional Flood Plan.

Joshua McClure conducted a slide presentation summarizing the Draft Regional Flood Plan and stated that the Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Region is comprised of 20 counties covering an area of 9,188 square miles, of which, 22% is located within the 1% annual chance floodplain. Mr. McClure presented a Regional Flood Planning Overview pertaining to: Task 1 – Planning Area Description; Task 2A – Existing Condition Flood Risk Analyses; Task 2B – Future Condition Flood Risk Analyses; Task 3A – Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices; Task 3B – Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals; Task 4A – Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis; Task 4B – Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Management Evaluations and Potentially Feasible Flood Management Strategies and Flood Mitigation Projects; Task 4C – Prepare and Submit Technical Memorandum; Task 5 – Recommendation of Flood Management Evaluations and Flood Management Strategies and Associated Flood Mitigation Projects; Task 6A – Impacts of Regional Flood Plan; Task 6B – Contributions to and Impacts on Water Supply Development and the State Water Plan; Task 7 – Flood Response Information and Activities; Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations; Task 9 – Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis; Task 10 – Public Participation and Plan Adoption; Task 11 – Outreach and Data Collection to Support Tasks 1-9; Task 12 – Perform Identified Flood Management Evaluations, Identify, Evaluate, and Recommend Additional Flood Mitigation Projects; Task 13 – Preparation and Adoption of the Amended Regional Flood Plan. Discussion took place among the group.

Joshua McClure asked David Rivera to comment on Recommended Floodplain Management Standards, the Goals Summary, and Non-Structural Floodplain Management Practices. Mr. Rivera also announced that 66 FMEs, 79 FMSs, and 3 FMPs have been identified within Region 2 and described the process that was utilized to make these recommendations. Discussion took place among the group and Mr. Barnett commented on floodplain regulations in Grayson County. Mr. McClure and Mr. Barnett discussed flood loss in Grayson County, as well. Mr. McClure asked Tony Resendez (TSSWCB) to provide information relating to NRCS Dam Classifications (Risk Assessment) due to new downstream development. Additional Discussion took place among the group relating to dams and funding. Reeves Hayter stated that Region 1 will conduct their public meeting in Childress, TX on September 7, 2022, and the Sabine group will conduct their public meeting in Longview, TX on September 26, 2022.

Joshua McClure presented a schedule of upcoming activities; October 1 – Draft Regional Flood Plan closes for public comments; September – Technical Committee to consider which FMEs to perform; October 6 – RFPG2 Meeting (Vote on FME recommendations from Technical Committee); October 31 – Receive TWDB Comments; Late November – Submit Final Draft of Regional Flood Plan to RFPG; December – RFPG Meeting to vote to approve RFP; January 7 – Submit RFP to TWDB.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update from Planning Group Sponsor

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Chris Brown who announced that the ATCOG sub-contract has been submitted to TWDB for review and approval, and the invoices from the technical consultants and ATCOG have also been submitted to TWDB for reimbursement. Mr. Brown thanked Anita Machiavello for her assistance during this process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion. The Region 2 RFPG board members agreed to conduct a Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and the next full board meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the ATCOG Transportation Facility in Paris, TX and via webinar/teleconference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. by Reeves Hayter.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 10/06/2022.

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Reeves Hayter, CHAIR