

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group
Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting
September 22, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Ark-Tex Council of Governments, Transportation Facility, 240 SE 10th Street, (Building 5), Paris, 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	

<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	
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	
Lisa M. Mairs	USACE, Galveston 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: **5**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of **5: 3**

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 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Confirmation of attendees / determination of a quorum

Reeves Hayter announced that all five members of the Technical Advisory Sub-Committee for the Region 2 Flood Planning Group were present, establishing that a quorum had been met.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: 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. 4: Technical Presentation by Halff Associates, Inc.

- a. **Task 12 – Perform Identified FME, Identify, Evaluate, and Recommend Additional FMPs**
- b. **Preliminary Technical Consultant (TC) recommendations**
- c. ***Sub-Committee reviews and confirms/rejects TC recommendations**
- d. ***Sub-Committee considers vote to adopt the recommended actions (additional FMPs) to the RPG**

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who began discussion of the proposed FMEs being recommended for elevation to FMPs. Mr. McClure asked David Rivera to present a list of FMEs for recommendation as potential FMPs. Mr. Rivera announced that 12 FMEs have been selected for consideration and 4 or 5 of them are more likely to be selected for elevation to FMP status during the first round of flood planning. The City of Bonham, the City of Nash, the City of Atlanta, the City of DeKalb, and the City of Texarkana all have one or more potential projects that may be feasible to elevate to FMP status. Mr. Rivera stated that the potential project for the City of Paris and one potential project for the City of Atlanta may not be feasible, due to the cost and time constraints. Mr. Rivera asked Dustin Henslee to elaborate on the potential projects for the City of Texarkana and Mr. Henslee stated that he would like to include all the projects, if possible. Brief discussion took place among the group and Reeves Hayter announced that he was not happy with the list of FMEs because only six cities in four counties were included in our twenty-county region. Mr. Hayter also pointed out the cost difference between most of the FMEs on the list compared to the cost estimate for the City of Paris. Additional discussion took place among the group and Mr. McClure stated that he needed to revisit the City of Paris project in order to be considered for inclusion in the list of FMPs. Greg Carter asked about the status of the City of Texarkana FMEs and their current status. Mr. Henslee stated that the FMEs could be elevated to FMPs and ranked the potential projects based upon their significance. Additional discussion took place among the group.

The Region 2 Flood Planning Group Technical Advisory Sub-Committee agreed to select FMEs to be elevated to FMPs based upon their geographical locations, in an effort to include as much of the region as possible. Joshua McClure asked Anita Machiavello about the process of documenting unsuccessful FMPs and Ms. Machiavello stated that there is guidance located in TWDB Exhibit C. Chris Brown asked Ms. Machiavello about funding categories and opportunities in the next 5-Year Regional Flood Plan. Ms.

Machiavello stated that the TWDB has been discussing this and information should be available soon for the regional administrators. Joshua McClure shared some information that he received from the American Flood Coalition regarding Legislative Budget Discussions. The State of Texas currently has a vast surplus of funds that could potentially be utilized for flood planning purposes over the next several years. Mr. McClure then summarized the process that he would utilize to revise the list of FMEs for consideration to be elevated to FMP status for recommendation to the Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors for approval. Discussion took place among the group. Mr. McClure stated that he would provide a revised list of FMEs prior to the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group meeting. The Technical Advisory Sub-Committee agreed to present the revised list of FMEs to the Region 2 Board for approval at the next meeting in October.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Update from Planning Group Sponsor

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Chris Brown who announced that ATCOG had no updates to provide at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion. The group agreed to conduct the next full board meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined and via webinar/teleconference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by Reeves Hayter.

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


Reeves Hayter, CHAIR