

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
February 1, 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> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Agricultural interests | |
| Andy Endsley | Counties | X |
| W. Greg Carter | Electric generating utilities | X |
| Laura-Ashley Overdyke | Environmental interests | X |
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| 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 |
| | 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 | X |
| Darrell Dean | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Tony Resendez | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| 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 | X |
| 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 **10: 6**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Mary Beth Rudel – ATCOG

Kathy McCollum - ATCOG

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates Team

Parker Moore – Halff Associates Team

Shena Providence – F&N

Brad Thomas – Martin Springs WSC

**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 2:00 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 and specifically recognized Cynthia Nolasco and Anita Machiavello from the TWDB.

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 four 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, June 15, 2023

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Greg Carter and was seconded by David Weidman 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 categories of *Agricultural Interests and Water Utilities Interests*

Reeves Hayter announced that Preston Ingram and Susan Whitfield resigned from the flood planning group due to taking on additional duties at work and that an application has been received from Mr. Brad Thomas to fill the vacant position of *Water Utilities Interests*. Mr. Hayter stated that Mr. Thomas is currently the Martin Springs Water Supply Corporation General Manager and wishes to serve on the Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors to learn more about the regional flood planning process. Mr. Hayter made a motion to nominate Mr. Thomas and Greg Cater seconded the motion. The motion carried and Mr. Thomas was welcomed as a new voting member of the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Review and Discuss the application by the RFPG Sponsor for submittal to TWDB on behalf of the RFPG.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange and Mary Beth Rudel to discuss the application. Mr. Prange stated that ATCOG has put together the application and completed the checklist required by TWDB. The proposed funding amount for Region 2 is \$2,078,400.00 and the application is due to TWDB by February 22, 2024. Mr. Prange provided an overview of the contents of the application and brief discussion occurred among the group. Mr. Hayter stated that he appreciates ATCOG for putting the application together 21 days in advance of the submittal date.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: *Discuss and Consider nominations for election of Region 2 RFPG Officers to include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Executive Committee per Article XII, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Texas Water Development Board Update

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who stated that the Final Amended Regional Flood Plans will be submitted to the TWDB Board of Directors for review and approval on March 5th. Ms. Nolasco asked the group to read the updated 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 hosted a webinar on January 17th focusing on the Round 2 application process. Applications are due to TWDB by February 22nd and reimbursement requests are due by February 29th. Mr. Hayter thanked Ms. Nolasco for the update and announced that the group looks forward to working with her during the Round 2 Regional Flood Planning process.

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

Reeves Hayter announced that no action will be taken on this agenda item since the Region 1 liaison was not in attendance at this meeting.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Technical Presentation by Halff Associates, Inc.

Final Amended Regional Flood Plan was accepted by TWDB – Technical Consultants are available for questions.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who presented an update on the status of the Final Amended Regional Flood Plan to the group. Mr. McClure stated that the plan has been submitted to TWDB and final invoices are being developed by Halff Associates for submittal to ATCOG. The Round 2 Scope of Work is currently under review, also. Brief discussion took place among the group.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Update from Planning Group Sponsor

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who announced the timeline of events to begin Round 2 of the flood planning process. The application is due to TWDB on or February 22, 2024; the funding amount allocated for Region 2 is \$2,078,400.00; contracts will be executed in May of 2024; and procurement of a technical consultant follows contract execution. Mr. Hayter asked if the group could begin the process of procuring a technical consultant before the contract is executed and Cynthia Nolasco stated that the group can begin the procurement process at any time. Mary Beth Rudel stated that ATCOG could develop the RFQ documents and provide them to the Region 2 Flood Planning Group at the next meeting for review and comment. Mr. Hayter stated that he would like to see some specific language added to the RFQ for Round 2, requiring applicants to provide details of their public outreach campaign efforts. Mr. Prange provided the group with an amended flyer to consider adding to our

public outreach efforts during Round 2 through platforms such as social media, RFG2 website, ATCOG website, other COG websites, websites of various water planning entities and water supply providers throughout the region. Brief discussion took place among the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion. The Region 2 RFG board members agreed to conduct the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at location to be determined and via webinar/teleconference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Adjourn

Reeves Hayter made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by seconded by David Weidman. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFG at a meeting held on 4/04/2024.



Reeves Hayter, CHAIR