

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

**Ark-Tex Council of Governments Office Building (EOC Room), Texarkana, TX 75503 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	X
Andy Endsley	Counties	X
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	X
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	
Casey Johnson	Industries	
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Kirby Hollingsworth	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kelly Mitchell	Small business	X
Joseph W. Weir III	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	
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	USACE, Fort Worth District	
Travis Wilsey	USACE, Tulsa District	
Randy Whiteman	RFPG 1 Liaison	
Richard Brontoli	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: **7**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of **11: 6**

**Other Meeting Attendees: \*\***

Chris Brown - ATCOG

Kathy McCollum - ATCOG

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates Team

Jim Keith – Halff Associates Team

Parker Moore – Halff Associates Team

Kelly Rich – 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 2:02p.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. Seven 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 meeting held Thursday, March 3, 2022.**

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 Andy Endsley 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 reminded the Region 2 Flood Planning Group that an executed sub-contract amendment must be submitted to TWDB once the Sponsor's contract amendment has been executed. Ms. Machiavello encouraged the members of the flood planning group to revisit the TWDB website and review the latest newsletter which contains guidance relating to voting on FMXs and that the TWDB is preparing another newsletter at this time. Chris Brown asked Ms. Machiavello if Region 2 has already received it's executed contract amendment and Ms. Machiavello stated that it is currently being finalized by TWDB and will be submitted to ATCOG within the next two weeks.

**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 met on May 11, 2022 and updated their FMX tables and voted to recommend 184 FMEs, 62 FMSs and 4 FMPs. Additional FMPs will be considered at the Region 1 meeting in June along with the review of Chapters 4 and 5 & 7 and 8.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE**

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

- **Chapter 6 – Impacts of Regional Flood Plan and impacts to State Water Plan**
  - a. **Chapter 6 is attached for review before the meeting**

- b. **Present material**
  - c. **Discuss adjusting impact numbers to reflect partial adoption of FMS/E/Ps**
  - d. **Discuss comments**
- **Chapter 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations**
  - a. **Chapter 8 is attached for review before the meeting**
  - b. **Present materials**
  - c. **Discuss comments**
- **Chapter 9 - Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis**
  - a. **Show survey that has been distributed to FMX sponsors**
  - b. **Discuss outreach efforts**
- **Schedule**

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Joshua McClure who presented information regarding Chapters 6, 8 and 9. Mr. McClure began discussion on Chapter 6 – Impacts of Regional Flood Plan and impacts to State Water Plan, including Key Assumptions. Mr. McClure also presented the FMP Summary of Impacts relating to Exposed Structures, Exposed Population, and Exposed Low Water Crossings by comparing Existing Conditions to Conditions After FMP Implementation. Mr. McClure then presented information relating to FMS Impacts in the categories of Regulatory and Guidance, Property Acquisition and Structural Elevation, Education and Outreach, and Flood Measurement and Warning, before presenting the FMS Summary of Impacts. Additionally, Mr. McClure presented information relating to FME Impacts in the categories of Preparedness, Project Planning, Watershed Planning, and Other, before providing the FME Summary of Exposures. Discussion took place among the flood planning group. Greg Carter commented on flood gauges listed in the FME Impacts – Preparedness Category and Reeves Hayter commented on the percentage of Population versus Structures listed in the FME Summary of Exposures. Mr. McClure addressed their comments.

Joshua McClure turned the presentation over to Jim Keith to discuss Chapter 6B – Contributions/Impacts on State Water Plan and Chapter 6A – Key Assumptions. Mr. Keith stated that none of the recommended actions will have a measurable impact on Water Supply or Water Availability. Discussion took place among the flood planning group. Greg Carter asked if Wright Patman Lake has a high sedimentation rate compared to other reservoirs within the region and Reeves Hayter and Kelly Mitchell responded by stating that the Sulphur River Basin Authority conducted numerous studies over several years. The findings indicated that the sediment appears to randomly shift throughout the lake over time.

Joshua McClure then conducted a presentation focusing on Chapter 8 – Legislative, Administrative, and Regulatory Recommendations, as well as, Flood Planning Recommendations. Mr. McClure provided information relating to all Specific Recommendation Statements and the Reason for Recommendation and discussion took place among the regional flood planning group. Mr. McClure then provided the comments received from the region 2 flood planning group and much discussion took place. Recommendations from Reeves Hayter, Greg Carter and Dustin Henslee were provided to amend the language in several Specific Recommendation Statements and one recommendation relating to Dam Inspection Reports was removed from the list.

Joshua McClure turned the meeting over to Jim Keith, once again, to present information relating to Chapter 9 – Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis. Mr. Keith provided the Potential Sponsor Financing Survey and stated that the survey was sent out via email on June 1, 2022 and follow-up phone calls will be conducted with the Potential Sponsors.

Joshua McClure then presented the schedule of upcoming activities including: Tasks 1-8 (Address RFG2 Comments), Task 9 Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis), Task 10 Finalize Regional Flood Plan (RFP), Review and Vote on Draft RFP, 60 Days of Public Comments (Minimum), and Address Public Comments.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update from Planning Group Sponsor**

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: 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 meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 2:00p.m. at a location to be determined in Mount Pleasant, TX and via webinar/teleconference.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Adjourn**


Reeves Hayter opened the floor to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Carter and was seconded by Dustin Henslee.

The vote to adjourn was passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33p.m. by Reeves Hayter.

*Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFG at a meeting held on 07/07/2022.*

  
Reeves Hayter, CHAIR