Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
December 5, 2024
2:00 p.m.
at
Ark-Tex Council of Governments Office, 4808 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, TX 75503, and Via Zoom
Webinar/Teleconference

Roll Call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) /Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)
David Basinger	Agricultural interests	X
Andy Endsley	Counties	
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	
Casey Johnson	Industries	X
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kelly Mitchell	Small business	
David Weidman	Water districts	X
Brad Thomas	Water utilities	X

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent( )/ Alternate Present (*)
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	
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Lisa M. Mairs	USACE, Galveston District	
Emily Mott	Red River Valley Association	
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 **11**: **6**

Other Meeting Attendees: **
Paul Prange – ATCOG
Kathy McCollum – ATCOG
Joshua McClure – Halff Associates
Parker Moore – Halff Associates
Gabby Bell – Huitt-Zollars
Cara Clark – RRA
Jenny LaFoy – Halff
Callie-Anne Kennedy – ATCOG

**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 2:09 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 at the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Office in Texarkana, TX.

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 one non-voting member.

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, October 3, 2024.
Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
A motion was made by Dusty Henslee and was seconded by David Basinger to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discuss and consider holding a community outreach event/grant funding workshop on January 9, 2025 in Paris, TX followed by the Region 2 RFPG Board of Directors Meeting.
Reeves Hayter announced that the "Save the Date Flyer" has been sent out by SRBA and ATCOG to interested parties within Region 2. Paul Prange announced that an invitation to RSVP will be sent out during the next few days for registration purposes. Mr. Hayter confirmed that the meeting location has been reserved in Paris, TX and asked Joshua McClure for an update on the status of the formal notice.
Mr. McClure announced that the flyer has been sent out and 4 out of 6 speakers have been confirmed for the event, thus far. Jenny LaFoy commented that the registration announcement will be sent out to the public next week.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Texas Water Development Board Update.
Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who stated that TWDB has released the updated guidance for amending the 2023 Regional Flood Plans and asked the group to read through the documents carefully. Ms. Nolasco announced that the TWDB hosted a webinar regarding the Round 2 Kickoff earlier this month covering the contract details and another webinar focusing on payment requests is scheduled for January 9, 2025. Recordings of the TWDBB webinars will be available on the TWDB website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates.
Reeves Hayter announced that the agenda for the upcoming Region 1 Flood Planning Group meeting is attached in the packet for today's meeting, and to let Paul Prange know if any coordination is necessary between Region 1 and Region 2.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Technical Consultant Update.
1. **Amendment Requests**
2. **TWDB Schedule Update**
3. **Grant Workshop**

Josh McClure announced that no amendment requests have been received to date and the deadline for submittals has already passed. Mr. McClure presented the updated TWDB Amendment Timeline, including milestones and due dates, as well as an overview of the schedule for the second round of flood planning including the Tech Memo (due in September 2025), Recommended List of TWDB FMEs (due January 2026), Draft Plan (due February 2027), the Final Plan (due January 2028). Mr. McClure then presented the updated status of the 2nd cycle contract documents and resources. Updated TWDB guidelines should be available by December 31, 2024, with additional data including Building Footprints, Floodplain Quilt, Future Conditions, Texas SVI, and Infrastructure Assessment Toolkit becoming available by Spring of 2025. Discussion took place among the group regarding the revised schedule of deliverables relating to Tasks 1-4. Reeves Hayter stated that Region 1 RFPG invited FEMA representatives to their last meeting to present information on BLE flood risk data and the development of FIRMs, and asked Mr. McClure if this may be helpful in Region 2, as well. Mr. McClure stated that it would benefit Region 2 and cited Camp, Morris, and Panola Counties as examples. Mr. Hayter agreed and referenced Delta County as another example. Mr. Hayter then asked Mr. McClure about the status of the questionnaire prototype being developed for Round 2 and Mr. McClure stated that it is nearly complete and will be ready for review in the next two weeks. The questionnaire has been greatly simplified from Round 1 to help increase public participation during the second round of flood planning. Brief discussion took place regarding the TWDB state flood plan ranking process and the projects selected for awards.

Josh McClure announced that the technical consultants are preparing for a community outreach event / grant funding workshop on January 9, 2025, to present funding opportunities to the region. Speakers will include: TWDB, GLO, TDEM, USACE, FEMA, Halff funding team, and potentially others. Discussion took place among the group. SRBA will provide funding for the meeting venue and the food, and ATCOG will provide technical support to allow the participation of remote attendees. The Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors Meeting will be held immediately following the workshop.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update from Planning Group Sponsor.
Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who announced that Region 1 plans to conduct its next meeting on January 16, 2025 and ATCOG staff looks forward to co-sponsoring the Region 2 Educational Outreach Workshop in January by providing the technical equipment to support remote attendees.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.
Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and the Region 2 RFPG board members agreed to conduct the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Paris, TX.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn.
Reeves Hayter adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.
Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 1/09/2025.

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Reeves Hayter, CHAIR