

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
May 1, 2025
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>
David Basinger	Agricultural interests	X
Andy Endsley	Counties	X
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	X
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	X
Casey Johnson	Industries	X
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
(Vacant Position)	Small business	
David Weidman/Darrel Grubbs (Alternate)	Water districts	X
Brad Thomas	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	X
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	X
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: **9**

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

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Parker Moore - Halff Associates

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates

Vance Liles – MTG Engineers

Hon. Shawn Ballew – Region 1 RFPG Liaison

Jenny LaFoy – Halff Associates

Sage Priest - Freese & Nichols

Caroline Jones - Freese & Nichols

Travis Wilsey - USACE

Todd Mittge - City of Paris

Eric Powell – City of Marshall

Tory Niewiadomski – City of Sulphur Springs

Dave Reed – City of Sulphur Springs

Kevin Chumbley – City of Longview

Enrique Garcia

**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 2:01 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 Small Business Development Center in Mount Pleasant, 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. Nine voting members were present along with three 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, March 6, 2024.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by David Basinger and was seconded by Greg Carter 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 category of *Small Business interests*.

Reeves Hayter asked if any applications were submitted by interested parties, and Paul Prange announced that no applications were received. Mr. Prange stated that the application form will remain open on the Region 2 website and will be posted to various social media platforms in an effort to draw interest from the public.

AGENDA ITEM NO 7: *Discuss and consider nominations for the election of Region 2 RFPG Officers to include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Executive Committee per Article XII Section 3 of the Bylaws.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion on the election of officers. Greg Carter nominated Reeves Hayter to serve as Chair. Laura-Ashley Overdyke seconded the nomination. The motion carried. Reeves Hayter nominated Greg Carter to serve as Vice Chair. David Basinger seconded the nomination. The motion carried. Reeves Hayter nominated Laura-Ashley Overdyke to serve as Secretary. David Basinger seconded the nomination. The motion carried. Greg Carter nominated David Weidman to serve on the Executive Committee. Reeves Hayter seconded the nomination. The motion carried. Laura-Ashley Overdyke nominated Andy Endsley to serve on the Executive Committee. Reeves Hayter seconded the nomination. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Texas Water Development Board Update.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who stated that on April 17th the Future Conditions Cursor Floodplain Year 2060 Dataset became available for download on the datahub. On March 14th the updated Existing Conditions Cursor Floodplain Dataset became available on the datahub. TWDB sent out a Q&A on the Infrastructure Assessment Toolkit recently and the TWDB is hosting a Chair's Conference Call on May 30th on the topic of Outreach. TWDB also announced that completed and accepted FIF Category 1 Reports are available for download on the TWDB website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates.

Reeves Hayter announced that the agenda for the last Region 1 Flood Planning Group meeting is attached in the packet for today's meeting and turned the floor over to Region 1 Liaison, Judge Shawn Balley for an update. Judge Balley announced that Region 1 has not met since March and the next scheduled meeting is on May 15th. Brief discussion took place among the group regarding recent flood events.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Technical Consultant Update.

- 1. Outreach Update**
- 2. Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description**
 - a. Summary**
 - b. Is there anything we missed in the first cycle that we would like to include in this cycle?**
 - c. Any recent flood related events or infrastructure that we should add?**
- 3. Chapter 2 – Flood Quilt**
 - a. TWDB has released the existing conditions Cursor Flood Dataset**
 - b. View and compare to the first cycle Flood Quilt**
- 4. Chapter 3 – Discuss methods and the need for a technical committee for the following. We will not make any recommendations at this time but discuss the process that the RFPG would like to follow.**
 - a. Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices**
 - b. Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals**
- 5. Chapter 4 – Discuss process for identifying and evaluating FMXs**
- 6. Schedule**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Outreach Update; Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description; Chapter 2 – Flood Quilt; Chapter 3 – Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Mitigation Practices and Goals; Chapter 4 – Identifying and Evaluating FMXs; and Schedule.

Josh McClure presented the outreach update and announced that the survey was sent out in February; follow-up emails were sent out in March and April; and follow-up phone calls began 2 weeks ago. To date there have been 93 communities/counties contacted, compared to 20 in the first round of flood planning. Brief discussion took place among the group.

Reeves Hayter stated that he compared Chapter 1 between Region 1 and Region 4 and found that they were very similar. Mr. Hayter asked the group to take photos of any flooding that occurs in Region 1

throughout this cycle to incorporate into the Round 2 Flood Plan. Brief discussion took place among the group.

Josh McClure presented information relating to the Flood Infrastructure Toolkit Guidance and provided examples of the different types of data that Region 2 currently has, such as dams, reservoirs, bridges, levees, roadway stream crossings and low water crossings. Mr. McClure announced that he is evaluating methods to estimate the 2-year floodplain using BLE data to help identify the number of low water crossings. Brief discussion took place among the group.

Josh McClure presented information relating to the Existing Flood Quilt and the Future Flood Quilt by comparing Fathom, Cursory and BLE datasets. Discussion took place among the group regarding the various datasets. Mr. McClure then discussed the four scenarios provided by TWDB to develop the Future Flood Quilt by comparing climate versus land use changes. Discussion took place and Laura-Ashley Overdyke recommended using moderate climate change with land use change.

Caroline Jones presented information relating to Chapters 3 and 4, Floodplain Management Standards & Flood Protection Goals, and Identification and Evaluation of FMXs. Task 3A – Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices to ensure data collected in the 1st cycle remains accurate and current, update Chapter 3A with current data, and elect to continue to recommend or adopt region-specific floodplain management standards. Discussion took place among the group and the group decided to vote to recommend region-specific floodplain management standards at the next RFPG meeting. Ms. Jones then presented Task 3B – Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis which utilizes GIS mapping to overlay numerous data layers to identify target areas, and Task 3C – Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals. Brief discussion took place among the group and Reeves Hayter asked to review our list of goals from Round 1. Ms. Jones then presented Task 3 – Process and Timeline through September 2025 and Task 4A – Identification and Evaluation of FMXs. Discussion took place among the group.

Josh McClure then presented the TWDB Schedule Update: Technical Memorandum due January 27, 2026; List of FMEs to be performed by TWDB due March 26, 2026; Draft Plans due May 26, 2027; and Final Plan due January 10, 2028. The Next Steps: June – RFPG vote on Recommending Floodplain Management Standards; July – FMX Selection Process and Goals Subcommittee Meeting; August – RFPG Vote on 4A – FME Selection Process; September – RFPG Vote on 3C Goals; October – Draft Tech Memo for RFPG and public review; December – RFPG Vote on Tech Memo. Brief discussion took place among the group regarding the proposed meeting schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Update from Planning Group Sponsor.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who stated that ATCOG has reposted an application form for the vacant position on the flood planning group in the small business interest category on the RFPG2 website and ATCOG social media platforms.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Consider date and agenda items for the 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, June 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Mount Pleasant, TX.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn.

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Greg Carter and seconded by Andy Endsley at approximately 3:52 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 6/05/2025.

Reeves Hayter, CHAIR