

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting**  
**September 4, 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	Water districts	X
Brad Thomas	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	
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 (Sarah Magana, Alternate)	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	X
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

Jenny LaFoy – Halff Associates

Kevin Wessels - TWDB

Sage Priest - Freese & Nichols

Caroline Jones - Freese & Nichols

Kathy McCollum - 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 2:01 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 two 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, May 1, 2025.**

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 Andy Endsley 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 has been posted to various social media platforms to gather interest from the public.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 7: \*Discuss and consider (Section 2 of the Bylaws) Terms of Office, to assign term limits to all voting members of the Region 2 Flood Planning Group.**

Reeves Hayter decided to table this item until the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group meeting. No action was taken.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Sarah Magana, who announced the TWDB has scheduled a conference call for September 12<sup>th</sup>; minor updates have been made to the technical guidelines; there will not be a 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment process for the RFPGs; FNI will be attending regional meetings in-person to present the new nature-based solution manual that they created. Brief discussion took place among the group.

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

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange to present an update. Mr. Prange stated that Region 1 is currently holding their meeting, therefore the liaison is unavailable to present the update today. Region 1 is currently on a similar schedule to Region 2 and Mr. Prange mentioned that the agendas for their most recent meetings are included in the Region 2 meeting packet.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Technical Consultant Update.**

- 1. Outreach Update**
- 2. Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description**
  - a. \*Discuss and vote to approve Chapter 1**
- 3. Chapter 2 – Flood Risk Analysis**
  - a. Flood Quilt Update**
- 4. Chapter 3 – Flood Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Practices and Goals**
  - a. \*Present, discuss, and vote to approve updated Cycle 2 Goals**
  - b. Review the results of the Needs Analysis**
- 5. Chapter 4 – Discuss process for identifying and evaluating FMXs**
  - a. \*Present, discuss, and vote to approve 4A process**
  - b. Present potential FMXs received from communities**
- 6. Schedule**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Outreach Update; Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description; Chapter 2 – Flood Risk Analysis; 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 additional emails and phone calls were conducted with communities, to gather data on FMXs, and a flyer was sent out as well. Halff Associates have conducted individual meetings with Hayter Engineering (Bonham and Paris, Denison, and Delta County. Data has been received from Bonham, Denison, Delta County, and Texarkana to date.

Josh McClure presented information relating to Chapter 1 and stated the comments were received from Reeves Hayter. Brief discussion took place among the group regarding the comments. Mr. Hayter commented on the map of the 100-year and 500-year floodplains and asked if it could be clarified to distinguish between the floodplains. Mr. McClure stated that the map could be improved somewhat. Mr. Hayter also asked about the data in Table 1.9 Total Casualties and Property Damages. Mr. McClure clarified the data and moved on to Table 1.10 NFIP Claims, Penetration Rates, and Repetitive Loss Claims. Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to approve Chapter 1, subject to the changes requested by the group. Laura-Ashley Overdyke made a motion, and David Basinger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Josh McClure moved on to Chapter 2 and presented information relating to exposure analysis (facilities exposed to flood risk) and discussed the existing and future flood quilts, which are now complete. Mr. McClure announced that the methodology for compiling the flood quilts may not be acceptable, since the Fathom Data (scenario 2) was utilized to determine the flood risks within Region 2 versus BLE or

detailed studies. Sarah Magana with TWDB stated that this is currently under review by TWDB leadership, and announcements will be coming soon. Brief discussion took place. Mr. McClure then presented information relating to critical facilities.

Joshua McClure turned the floor over to Caroline Jones to present information relating to Chapters 3 and 4. Ms. Jones discussed Task 3B (Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis). Ms. Jones discussed Map 15 (Area with greatest gap in flood risk information) and Map 16 (Areas of greatest known flood risk). Discussion took place among the group. Reeves Hayter commented on the Lamar County data. Troy Hudson commented on Lake Ralph Hall and Mr. McClure commented on Bois D' Arc Lake. Ms. Jones then presented information on Task 3C (Recommended Floodplain Management Goals). Discussion took place among the group regarding the text of the goals. Reeves Hayter and Laura-Ashley Overdyke proposed that Goal #3 should indicate that we accomplished the Short-Term portion. Ms. Overdyke asked for clarification of the language in Goal #1 and Mr. Hayter agreed. Mr. Hayter also asked for a change to the wording in Goal #8. Mr. McClure agreed to make the requested changes. Mr. Hayter then asked about Goal #10 and Mr. McClure responded that 3 out of 10 projects have been implemented in the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle. Discussion took place regarding approval of the goals, and the group decided to postpone the vote until the next meeting. Caroline Jones presented Task 4A – Process for Identifying FMXs (Collection of New Submittals; Reassessment of Cycle 1 FMXs; Prioritize Needs Identified in Task 3B; Needs Identified in HMPs). Additional discussions took place among the group. Reeves Hayter called for a motion to approve the Task 4A Process. Laura- Ashley Overdyke made a motion and the motion was seconded by Brad Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

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: September – RFPG Vote on Chapter 1 Planning Area Description and 4A FMX Selection Process; October – Draft Tech Memo for RFPG and public review – RFPG Vote on 3C Goals; November – RFPG Vote on Tech Memo; December – Meeting is optional; January – No meeting planned. 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 submitting invoices from Halff Associates to TWDB staff for review and reimbursement in the amount of \$253,370.33. Mr. Prange announced that Tina Bell, ATCOG Communications/Media Coordinator, has taken a new job with Smith-Blair, Inc. However, ATCOG plans to hire a new employee to continue the outreach efforts that Tina initiated.

#### **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, October 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., possibly in Jefferson, TX.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn.**

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Brad Thomas and seconded by Laura-Ashley Overdyke at 3:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

*Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 10/02/2025.*

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Reeves Hayter, CHAIR