

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting**  
**October 2, 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	
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
(Vacant Position)	Small business	
David Weidman	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	
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

Parker Moore - Halff Associates

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates

Jenny LaFoy – Halff Associates

Sage Priest - Freese & Nichols

Caroline Jones - Freese & Nichols

Tracey Litton – TDEM

Aaron Burciaga – Rio Grande COG

\*\*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 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. 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, September 4, 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 asked Paul Prange to present this item to the group. Mr. Prange stated that voting members were assigned either a 2-year term or a 5-year term, two years ago. The members who were assigned 2-year terms will now be assigned a 5-year term, which will expire in July of 2030. Mr. Hayter referenced the bylaws regarding the issuance of terms and asked for a motion to reassign terms to David Basinger, Laura-Ashley Overdyke, Reeves Hayter, David Weidman, and Brad Thomas. A motion was made by David Weidman and was seconded by Greg Carter. The motion carried. The other voting member's terms will expire in July of 2028, except for the vacant voting member position, which will expire in July 2030.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who announced the TWDB approved an item related to Task 5-B regarding FMEs for small and rural communities; the TWDB hosted a conference call on September 12th to discuss the technical memorandum due on January 7, 2026; minor updates have been made to the technical guidelines (Exhibit c); there will not be a 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment process for the RFPs; FNI will be attending regional meetings in-person to present the new nature-based solutions manual that they created. Brief discussion took place among the group. Mr. Hayter inquired about the status of several invoices that are pending reimbursement by the TWDB, and Ms. Nolasco stated that the invoices are currently on-hold, pending further review by TWDB management.

**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 on a similar schedule to Region 2 and mentioned that Region 1 did not submit an agenda for their meeting this month.

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

- 1. Outreach Update**
- 2. Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description**
- 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**
- 6. Schedule**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Outreach Update; Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description; Chapter 2 – Exposure 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 Pottsboro, Bonham, Denison, Delta County, and Texarkana to date. Halff plans to contact communities in the southern portion of the region to gather additional FMX data. Mr. McClure announced that TWDB will provide approximately 4 million dollars to perform FMEs for small communities in Region 2 over the next few years. Brief discussion took place among the group.

Josh McClure moved on to Chapter 2 and presented information relating to the updated existing and future flood hazard quilts. Mr. McClure announced that the methodology for compiling the flood quilts using Fathom Data (Scenario 2) was rejected by TWDB and the process had to be revised using alternative datasets including BLE and Detailed Studies. Gini Connolly elaborated on this process. Brief discussion took place among the group to clarify the legend.

Joshua McClure turned the floor over to Caroline Jones to present information relating to Chapter 3. 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). The maps may be slightly revised due to the updated flood quilt. Ms. Jones then presented information on Task 3C (Recommended Floodplain Management Goals) and stated that some minor changes were made based upon the RFPG comments at the last meeting. Discussion took place among the group regarding the text of the goals. Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to approve the goals. A motion was made by Greg Carter and was seconded by Laura-Ashley Overdyke. The motion carried. Caroline Jones presented information relating to the Needs Analysis, including the geodatabase.

Josh McClure presented the TWDB Schedule Update: Technical Memorandum due January 7, 2026; List of FMEs to be performed by TWDB due March 26, 2026; SOWs for FMEs submitted to TWDB due on April 24, 2026; Draft Plans due May 26, 2027; and Final Plan due January 10, 2028. The Next Steps: October – RFPG Vote on 3C Goals; November – RFPG Vote on Chapter 2; December – Vote on Tech Memo; January – No meeting planned. Discussion took place among the group regarding the FME process. Mr. McClure presented the TWDB for Small Communities Overview and discussed the requirements, including the proposed timeline for submittals.

#### **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 submitted invoices from Halff Associates to TWDB staff for review and reimbursement in the amount of \$253,370.33. The invoices are currently pending review and approval by TWDB management. Mr. Prange announced that ATCOG recently hired a new Communications/Media Coordinator, to continue our outreach efforts via social media and website updates.

##### **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, November 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

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

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by David Basinger and seconded by Laura-Ashley Overdyke at 3:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

*Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 11/06/2025.*

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Reeves Hayter, CHAIR