

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
November 6, 2025
2:00 p.m.

at
Development Services Building, 317 S. Travis Street, Sherman, TX 75090, 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	

<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	
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

Kevin Wessels – TWDB

Robert Epperson – City of Sherman

**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 2:00 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 Development Services Building in Sherman, 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. Eight 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, October 2, 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 Laura-Ashley Overdyke 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 one application was received from Mr. Kevin Gibson. Mr. Prange stated that Mr. Gibson was recommended by Andy Endsley to serve as a voting member to represent the small business interest category. Mr. Endsley provided a brief background of Mr. Gibson's involvement in the community, and a motion was made by David Basinger to approve the application submitted by Mr. Gibson to join the Region 2 Flood Planning Group. Greg Carter seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Reeves Hayter welcomed Mr. Gibson to serve as a voting member for a five-year term.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Texas Water Development Board Update.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who announced the TWDB staff hosted an MS-2 Model Upload Workshop on November 5th; the technical memorandum is due on January 7, 2026; A clarification email was sent out regarding the technical guidelines (Exhibit C); TWDB staff provided information to chairs, sponsors and technical consultants containing several updates for Task 5-B; and TWDB staff hosted a technical conference on September 12th regarding Task 4-B.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: 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 provided two agendas for their meetings last month.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Technical Consultant Update.

- 1. Outreach Update**
- 2. Chapter 1 – Planning Area Description**
- 3. Chapter 2 – Flood Risk Analysis**
 - a. Flood hazard exposure and vulnerability update**
- 4. Chapter 4 – Discuss process for identifying and evaluating FMXs**
 - a. Present and discuss new FMEs submitted through Cycle 2 outreach efforts**
 - b. Discuss process for ranking FMEs to determine which ones the Technical Consultant and TWDB will work on in Task 4C or 5B.**
- 5. Schedule**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Outreach Update; Chapter 2 – Exposure Analysis; 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, Fannin County, Sherman, Paris and Texarkana to date. Halff plans to contact communities in the southeast portion of the region to gather additional FMX data in the Sulphur River and Cypress Basins.

Josh McClure moved on to Chapter 2 and presented information relating to the updated existing and future flood hazard quilts, including Map 5: Gaps in Flood Mapping. Mr. McClure reminded the group 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. Brief discussion took place among the group and Reeves Hayter stated that according to Map 5, nowhere in Region 2 has adequate coverage. Mr. McClure agreed and elaborated on this by presenting Map 6: Existing Exposure (Subset of Buildings), which identified over 25,000 structures, 155 critical facilities, including a daytime population of 98,000 and a nighttime population of 44,000 are at risk of flooding. Mr. McClure then presented information relating to Total Exposed Farmland including hay, timber, corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, and alfalfa. Mr. Hayter stated that a primary objection to the construction of the Marvin Nichols Reservoir by the Region D Water Planning Group, is the concern for the destruction of the bottomland hardwood forests, and the detrimental economic impact. Brief discussion took place. Mr. McClure also discussed the Social Vulnerability of All Exposures (Roads, Structures, Agriculture, etc.) and Social Vulnerability of Critical Infrastructure Facilities Exposed to Flooding.

Josh McClure turned the floor over to Sage Priest to present information relating to Chapter 5. Ms. Priest discussed Task 4A (Process for Identifying FMXs) and Cycle 2 FMX Sponsors. Ms. Priest then discussed FME locations in Cycle 2 versus Cycle 1. Brief discussion took place among the group and Ms.

Priest then described the process of Evaluating FMEs, Performance of FMEs, and Deciding Which FMEs to Perform. Mr. McClure stated that Region 2 has approximately \$520,000 in the Regional FME Budget to be used by 2028, and TWDB has \$3.9 million in the Consultant FME Budget to be utilized by 2031. Mr. McClure elaborated on this process and brief discussion took place among the group.

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: December – Present and Vote on Technical Memo, Submit Technical Memo to TWDB; January – Technical Committee Meeting; February – Discuss two FMEs for TWDB to perform. Discussion took place among the group regarding the FME process. Reeves Hayter asked Paul Prange to add an item to the December agenda to discuss and appoint a technical committee to meet in late January and Mr. McClure asked ATCOG to help notify the public of the available funding for FMEs. Lastly, Mr. McClure presented the Tech Memo Outline to the group.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update from Planning Group Sponsor.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who stated that ATCOG does not have many updates at this time, other than the next RFPG meeting will need to be held in Mount Pleasant since the ATCOG board meets there on the same day and utilizes the same audio/visual equipment. Invoices from Halff Associates are currently being reviewed by TWBD staff for approval.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: 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, December 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Small Business Development Center in Mount Pleasant, TX.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn.

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by David Basinger and seconded by Greg Carter at 2:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 12/04/2025.

Reeves Hayter, CHAIR