

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
December 4, 2025
2:00 p.m.

**Small Business Development Center, 105 North Riddle, Mount Pleasant, TX 77545, 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	
Casey Johnson	Industries	X
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kevin Gibson	Small business	X
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	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	
Josh McClintock	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

Jenny LaFoy – Halff Associates

Sage Priest - Freese & Nichols

Caroline Jones - Freese & Nichols

Kevin Wessels – TWDB

Landon Breeding – Halff Associates

Charles Edwards – Grant Works

Fabian Heaney – Region 1 Liaison/Red River Authority of Texas

**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 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, November 6, 2025.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Greg Carter and was seconded by David Basinger to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: *Consider establishing a Technical Committee to meet in late January to discuss the list of FMEs, and which ones to recommend to TWDB.

Reeves Hayter stated that the technical committee would discuss which FMEs to submit to TWDB for their consultants to perform the work, as opposed to the total list of FMEs that will be submitted to TWDB by the Region 2 Flood Planning Group. Josh McClure announced that Region 2 has approximately \$500,000 in the budget to conduct FMEs and the TWDB has 3.9 million dollars per region to conduct FMEs. TWDB has procured Freese & Nichols to perform the FMEs in Region 2. Mr. Hayter recommended that a technical committee be established to review the list of FMEs prior to the next board meeting, as the process could be quite lengthy. Mr. Hayter requested that the technical committee meet in person to review the list of FMEs. Mr. Hayter asked for three to five volunteers to serve on the technical committee. Dusty Henslee, David Weidman, Greg Carter and Reeves Hayter agreed to serve on the committee. The date and location of the meeting will be determined at a later time.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who announced that in early November, TWDB informed the Sponsor and Chair that the review of Region 2's RFP Amendment was complete, and the deliverables were determined to be acceptable under the guidance documents; the Technical Memorandum is due on January 7, 2026; a survey of Task 5B Metrics was sent to Chairs, Sponsors, and Technical Consultants which preceded a conference call to discuss regional approached to Task 5B held

on December 3, 2025; and the TWDB approved an items related to Task 5B to negotiate and execute contracts for consultants to perform FMEs for small and rural communities, as selected by the RFPG members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Fabian Heaney, Region 1 Liaison, for an update. Mr. Heaney announced that he was appointed liaison on December 3, 2025, and he presented a brief update of Region 1 activities including approval of the Technical Memorandum and consultant updates regarding FMEs and Task 5B.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Technical Consultant Update.

- 1. *Technical Memorandum – Discuss and vote for approval**
- 2. Discuss the process that will be used to identify FMXs**
 - a. FMX inclusion in the RFP**
 - b. TWDB FME Recommendations**
 - c. Discuss formation of a technical committee**
- 3. Schedule**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Technical Memorandum – Discuss and vote for approval; Discuss the process used for identifying and evaluating FMXs; and Schedule.

Josh McClure presented information relating to the Technical Memorandum and the process used for identifying and evaluating FMXs, including the designations regarding rural vs. urban communities, and the schedule of deliverables. The proposed timeline was presented and Mr. McClure stated that the list of FMEs that TWDB will perform is due by March 26, 2026, as well as the SOW for the first two FMEs. Reeves Hayter commented on the TWDB conference call held on December 3, 2026, regarding rural vs. urban and city vs. county population designations. Discussion took place among the group with comments from Greg Carter, Josh McClure, Reeves Hayter, Darrell Dean, Dusty Henslee, and Andy Endsley. Mr. Hayter announced that this is only a discussion item at this time and voting will take place on a future date.

Josh McClure presented the Technical Memorandum and provided a high-level overview of the document. Mr. McClure also addressed several comments prior to the vote for approval. Reeves Hayter commented on some of the maps included in the Technical Memorandum and Mr. McClure provided responses to the comments. Mr. Hayter asked for a vote to approve the Technical Memorandum to be submitted to the TWDB by the due date. A motion was made by Reeves Hayter and was seconded by Greg Carter. The motion carried. A technical committee meeting will be scheduled for mid-January to discuss FMEs.

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: January – Technical Committee Meeting; February – Discuss two FMEs for TWDB to perform. Brief discussion took place among 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 TWDB has approved invoices submitted by ATCOG for reimbursement in the amount of \$423,196.24. Mr. Prange announced that he met with the Region 1 Sponsor and Chair earlier this week and discussed the need for a Region 2 liaison to coordinate with the newly appointed Region 1 liaison. Mr. Hayter asked that an item be placed on the next Region 2 meeting agenda for discussion.

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, February 5, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at a location in the southeast part of the Region.

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 3:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Reeves Hayter, CHAIR