

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
March 5, 2026
2:00 p.m.

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	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kevin Gibson	Small business	X
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/Luz Lumb	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	XX
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: **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

Mark Banks – Halff Associates

Fabian Heaney – Region 1 Flood Planning Group Liaison

Alexis Morangroth - TWDB

Luz Lumb - TWDB

**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 2:02 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. Eight 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 meeting held Thursday, February 5, 2026.

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 appointing a Region 2 Liaison to coordinate with the Region 1 Liaison.

Paul Prange stated that the topic was presented at a previous meeting and currently our engineering team is acting as the liaison for Region 2. Reeves Hayter asked for a volunteer, however no one indicated that they were willing to take on this role. The item was tabled and Mr. Hayter asked that the item be revisited at future meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: *Discuss and consider nominations for 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 stated the current officers are Reeves Hayter – Chair, Greg Carter - Vice Chair, Laura-Ashley Overdyke – Secretary, David Weidman – Member at Large, and Andy Endsley – Member at Large. David Basinger made a motion to re-elect the current members to an additional term if there were no objections from the group. Greg Carter seconded the motion to keep the existing officers in place for another term. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Reeves Hayter asked Cyntia Nolasco for an update, and she announced that a new planner, Luz Lumb, will be assigned to the Region 2 RFPG. Ms. Lumb introduced herself and stated that she looks forward to working with the RFPG soon. Ms. Nolasco announced that the TWDB has completed their technical review of the Technical Memorandum submitted in January and has issued a notice to proceed. The TWDB has posted an FME for Small Communities FAQ document on their website. Ms. Nolasco stated that the FME list for the TWDB to perform is due March 26th and the Scope of Work for the FMEs to be

performed is due April 24th. The TWDB contracted with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to create a model for calculating economic losses due to flooding events on agricultural land and this tool is available on the TWDB website. Brief discussion took place between Josh McClure and Cynthia Nolasco.

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

Reeves Hayter asked for an update from Region 1 Liaison, Fabian Heaney and Mr. Heaney announced that Region 1 re-elected officers at their last meeting. Reeves Hayter stated that Region 2 re-elected officers at this meeting and plan to select FMEs to be performed by TWDB and the Technical Consultant at this meeting, as well. Mr. Hayter announced that Region 2 will continue to fill our vacant liaison position at future meetings. Mr. Heaney announced that he would attend the Region 2 meetings and share information between the regions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Technical Consultant Update.

- 1. *Presentation and RFPG vote on FMEs to be performed by the TWDB Consultant and those to be performed by the RFPG Technical Consultant**
- 2. 2026 FIF Funding Update**
- 3. Schedule**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Task 5A – Draft Recommendations of FMEs performed by the RFPG; Task 5B – Draft Recommendations of FMEs performed by the TWDB; and Schedule.

Josh McClure began by presenting Task 5-B (Draft Priority Recommendations for TWDB) and stated that the TWDB Consultant (FNI) has a \$3.9M Budget to spend between 2026 and 2030, with two FMEs to be completed between April 2026 and February 2027. Mr. McClure then presented information regarding Task 5-A (Draft Priority Recommendations for the Region 2 Technical Consultant) and stated that Region 2 has a \$520,000 Budget to spend by January of 2027.

Josh McClure presented the prioritized list of 15 FMEs selected for the TWDB to perform, with a total budget of \$3.84M. Mr. McClure explained how the FMEs were prioritized based upon sponsor engagement, flood severity, duration, and cost. Reeves Hayter asked about the priority list and brief discussion took place among the group regarding the potential to amend this list in the future. Cynthia Nolasco stated that she would submit an inquiry to TWDB staff regarding this possibility. Mr. Hayter commented on the potential need to amend the list during the next year or two and expressed concern that the RFPG may not be allowed to revise the list of FMEs. Additional discussion took place and Ms. Nolasco announced that the RFPG will be allowed to amend the list twice per cycle. Mr. Hayter commented that he would like to add more FMEs to the current list today, to bring the total proposed cost up to the maximum allowable amount.

Josh McClure presented the prioritized list of 8 FMEs selected for the RFPG Technical Consultant to perform, with a total budget of \$325,000 and then presented the full list of potential FMEs for review and possible addition to the current proposed list of FMEs to be voted on. Discussion took place among the group with comments and questions from Josh McClure, Dusty Henslee, Reeves Hayter, David Basinger, Laura-Ashley Overdyke, and Greg Carter. The group agreed to add the Sulphur River Nature Based Solution FME, with a budget of \$400,000; the Nash, TX Master Plan FME, with a budget of

\$300,000; and the Atlanta, TX Master Plan FME, with a budget of \$300,000 to the current list of prioritized FMEs to be voted on by the RFPG today. Mr. Hayter asked for a motion to approve the prioritized list of FMEs selected for the TWDB to perform. A motion was made by Laura-Ashley Overdyke, and the motion was seconded by David Basinger. The motion carried. Josh McClure asked the RFPG to approve the current list of FMEs to be performed by the Region 2 Technical Consultant. Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to approve the list of FMEs which is subject to change over time, and Greg Carter made a motion. The motion was seconded by David Basinger. The motion carried.

Josh McClure presented the TWDB Schedule Update: March 5th RFPG Meeting to vote on FMEs performed by TWDB and Technical Consultant; List of FMEs to be performed by TWDB due March 26, 2026; SOWs for FMEs and Community Affirmation Forms submitted to TWDB due on April 24, 2026; TWDB Consultant begins first two FMEs in May of 2026; FME Draft Report and proposed FMPs due on February 19, 2027; RFPG votes on Draft RFP by April 1, 2027; Final FME Report due to TWDB on April 26, 2027; Draft 2028 RFPs due May 26, 2027; and Final Plan due January 10, 2028. Brief discussion took place among the group.

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 no update for the RFPG at this time.

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, May 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn.

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Laura-Ashley Overdyke and seconded by David Basinger at 3:18 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 5/07/2026.

Reeves Hayter, CHAIR