

Meeting Minutes
Region 9 Upper Colorado Flood Planning Group Meeting
October 29, 2020
1:00PM CST
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Kenneth Dierscke | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Rick Bacon | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| Henryk Alexander Olstowski | <i>Electric generating utilities</i> | X |
| Christy Youker | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | n/a |
| Morse Haynes | <i>Industries</i> | X (arrived during agenda item 4) |
| Lance Overstreet | <i>Municipalities</i> | X |
| David H. Loyd Jr. | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Scott McWilliams | <i>River authorities</i> | X |
| Chuck Brown | <i>Small business</i> | X |
| Cole D. Walker | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Allison Strube | <i>Water utilities</i> | X |

| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| John McEachern | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Jet Hays | General Land Office | X |
| Hayley Gillespie, Ph.D. | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| Winona Henry | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | X |

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12: 7

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Reem Zoun, TWDB

Kathleen Jackson, TWDB Board Member

Matt Nelson, TWDB

James Bronikowski, TWDB

Annette Mass, TWDB

Anna Gonzalez, TWDB

Patrick Lopez, TWDB

Jennifer White, TWDB

Curtis Beitel
Matt Bucchin
Stephanie Castillo
Rene Franks
John Grant
Lissa Gregg
Stephanie Griffin
Matt Hiland
Heather Keister
Paula Jo Lemonds

Shauna McMahon
Ryke Moore, TWDB
Steven Richter, TWDB
Scott Rushing
Philip Taucer
David Villarreal
Eric West
Scott Hubley
Amin Kiaghadi

****Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the GoToWebinar meeting.**

All meeting materials are available for the public at:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>.

1. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Reem Zoun called the meeting to order at 1:11PM CST. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information and Instructions

Reem Zoun and Director Kathleen Jackson welcomed members to the meeting. Reem Zoun provided meeting facilitation information and instructions.

3. AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Member Introductions

Each present voting and non-voting member of the Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG introduced themselves.

4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Regional Flood Planning Overview Presentation

Reem Zoun presented an overview of the regional flood planning process. Morse Haynes joined the meeting and introduced himself.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion of group bylaws and consider adopting group bylaws

Reem Zoun presented the model bylaws provided by the TWDB for the RFPG to consider adopting and opened discussion on adopting group bylaws.

After discussion, the bylaws were edited to replace "Model RFPG" with "Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG" throughout.

After discussion, the Article VIII Section 2 language regarding the required timeframe for selecting initial officers was revised to require that initial officers be selected no later than 90 days following the adoption of bylaws.

After discussion, Article XV was edited to include language regarding amending the bylaws.

A motion was made by Rick Bacon to adopt the bylaws, with changes noted in discussion.

The motion was seconded by Allison Strube.

The vote to adopt the group bylaws passed by a vote of 11 Ayes and 0 Nays.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Consider nominating and electing regional flood planning group Chair or Interim Chair

Reem Zoun described the Chair/Interim Chair election process and opened the floor to nominations for the Chair or Interim Chair position.

A nomination of Allison Strube as the Chair was made by Scott McWilliams.

Ms. Strube stated her willingness to serve as Chair and expressed her appreciation for the nomination.

David Loyd made a motion to elect Allison Strube as Chair by acclamation.

The motion was seconded by Scott McWilliams.

The vote to select Allison Strube as the Chair of Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG passed by a vote of 11 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The group recessed for a short break.

The group reestablished quorum after short break. Chair Allison Strube assumed the facilitator role for the remainder of the meeting.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider selecting a planning group sponsor to act on behalf of the regional flood planning group

Reem Zoun listed the entities that had expressed interest in serving as the Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG's planning group sponsor. These interested entities included:

City of San Angelo

No public comments were given.

No additional interested entities came forward to express interest.

Chair Strube opened discussion on selecting a planning group sponsor to act on behalf of the RFPG.

Chair Strube noted that the San Angelo City Council must approve the designation of the City of San Angelo to serve as the planning group sponsor, and recommended any motion made to select the City of San Angelo as the RFPG's planning group sponsor be contingent upon city council approval.

A motion was made by David Loyd to select the City of San Angelo as the designated planning group sponsor for Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG.

Chuck Brown seconded the motion.

The vote to select City of San Angelo as the planning group sponsor to act on behalf of the RFPG passed by unanimous consent.

8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consider additional, region-specific public notice requirements, if any, that might be necessary to ensure adequate public notice in the region per 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(3).

Chair Strube opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

Matt Nelson described existing notice requirements and opened discussion on identifying additional, region-specific public notice requirements.

No points nor comments/concerns were brought forth during open discussion.

No action was taken. Chair Strube closed discussion on AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.

9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consider authorizing the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG

Chair Strube opened discussion on authorizing the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and to enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG.

No points nor comments/concerns were brought forth during open discussion.

A motion was made by Rick Bacon to authorize the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG, pending approval by the San Angelo City Council to serve as the RFPG sponsor.

The motion was seconded by Cole Walker.

The vote to authorize the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG passed by unanimous consent.

10. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion of necessary additional voting and non-voting positions that may be needed to ensure adequate representation from the interest in the region

Chair Strube opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

No points nor comments/concerns were brought forth during open discussion.

No actions were taken. Chair Strube closed discussion on AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.

11. AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider initiating RFPG solicitation process for individuals to fill vacant required voting member positions

Chair Strube opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

Chair Strube opened the floor to discussion on initiating RFPG solicitation processes for individuals to fill the vacant required voting member position. The current vacant, required voting position for Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG is:

Currently Vacant: *Flood Districts*

After discussion of the timeline and procedure to fill vacant positions, Scott McWilliams made a motion to postpone the solicitation process for individuals to fill the vacant required voting member position until after the next meeting of the RFPG.

The motion was seconded by Rick Bacon.

The vote to postpone the RFPG solicitation process until the next meeting passed by unanimous consent.

12. AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Receive general public comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Chair Strube opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

13. AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Chair Strube opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting.

After discussion, Chair Strube stated that the next meeting will be on January 28, 2021 at 9:00AM CST. Potential agenda items include discussion and election of officers and executive committee, discussion about the technical consultant selection process, discussion of the formation of committee/sub-committee to review technical consultant applications.

14. Adjourn

Rick Bacon made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Lance Overstreet.

The vote to adjourn passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48PM CST by Allison Strube.

Approved by the Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG at a meeting held on January 28, 2021.



Lance Overstreet, SECRETARY



Allison Strube, CHAIR