

Meeting Minutes

Region 9 – Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group

June 24, 2021

10:00 AM CST

Meeting held In person at City Hall – East Mezzanine, 72 W. College Avenue, San Angelo, Texas.

Additionally, participation was available via conference call at (325) 326-0870.

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Kenneth Dierschke	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Rick Bacon	<i>Counties</i>	X
Henryk Alexander Olstowski	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Christy Youker	<i>Environmental interests</i>	
Vacant	<i>Flood districts</i>	n/a
Morse Haynes	<i>Industries</i>	X
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>	
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	
Tim Frere	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Larissa Place	TDA	
Ben Wilde	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Jet Hays	General Land Office	X
Morgan White	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X-PH
Winona Henry	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	

Others Present:

Ann Yakimovicz - Region 10 Liaison

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 8

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

Meeting agendas, packets, information and recordings are available at the link

<https://www.cosatx.us/departments-services/water-utilities/region-9-upper-colorado-flood-planning-region>

- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order**
Chair Strube called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM CST. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance, and a quorum was established prior to proceeding with the agenda.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information and Instructions**
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Public Comments**
No Public Comments were made during this item.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of minutes from previous meeting.**
Motion by Scott McWilliams and seconded by Commissioner Rick Bacon. Motion passed unanimously.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TWDB Update**
Presented by Morgan White – Made the notification that Haley Gillespie has resigned and she Morgan will be the primary representative for Region 9 to TWDB. Ms. White also relayed that the sub contract reviews/approvals for the technical consultant is still pending.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Sponsor agency update from the City of San Angelo Provided by chair Allison Strube**
City staff is working with HDR to finalize signatures of the contracts they are in legal reviews for final edits.

Additionally Chair Strube has been assisting in developing stakeholder comprehensive lists for contacts including city county reps, floodplain reps, soil water conservation dist., TXDOT, etc.

- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Pre-Planning Public Input.**
No Public Comments were made during either sub-item “a” or “b” of this item.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consultant Presentation (Curtis Beitel of HDR)**
Mr. Beitel presented information on the basics of floodplain management, Task 2A Existing Flood Risk Analysis and Task 3A/3B Existing Floodplain Management Practices and Goals. Mr. Beitel discussed the two stages planning cycle then the formal plan being the ultimate goal.

Question from Scott McWilliams: Does HDR have all the guidelines and tables to meet the requirements? Confirmed that it is available.

Question from David Llyod: Where will the projects that meet the criteria be located locally or in the overall water shed? Response was the entire watershed.

Question from David Llyod: What does non-participating mean? Response was Non-participating means that the community does not participate in FEMA floodplain management or FIRM process.

Mr. Beitel stated that HDR would like to have fathom data before rolling out interactive website so that there is preliminary elevation data for all communities.

Question from Commissioner Rick Bacon: When the Lidar and modelling data is available, can floodplain administrators use that data? Or would FEMA have to approve? Confirmed that if deemed best available data it could be used.

Mr. Beitel added quilt data being processed, targeting interactive website by mid-July tentatively, attempting to get stake holder information out prior to launching website for coordination.

Presentation for use by members and others should be available the next meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion and potential action regarding adding a non-voting position – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.**
Motion nominating U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Representative made by Scott McWilliams seconded by Cole Walker. Motion passed unanimously.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion and potential action to appoint a region 10 Liaison**
Chuck Brown nominated by Chair Strube and second by Commissioner Rick Bacon. Motion passed unanimously.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Public Comments – Limit 3 minutes per person**
No public comment offered.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
Mid July was discussed for the next meeting. Tentatively planning for the 22nd.
- **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn**
Motion by Cole Walker and seconded by Scott McWilliams. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM CST.

Approved by the Region 9 Upper Colorado RFGP at a meeting held on July 29, 2021.

R. Lance Overstreet

Lance Overstreet, SECRETARY

Allison Strube

Allison Strube, CHAIR