

Meeting Minutes
 Region 5. Neches Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
 Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
 Hybrid (in-person/virtual) Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Brent Heironimus	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	Present
Jeff Branick	<i>Counties</i>	Absent
Liv Haselbach	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	Present
Ellen Buchanan	<i>Environmental interests</i>	Present
Allen Sims	<i>Flood districts</i>	Present
Steve Moon	<i>Industries</i>	Present
Kyle Kingma	<i>Municipalities</i>	Present
Amanda Young	<i>Public</i>	Absent
Scott Hall	<i>River authorities</i>	Present
Brian McDougal	<i>Small business</i>	Present
Doug Canant	<i>Water districts</i>	Present
Robb Starr	<i>Water utilities</i>	Absent

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Bregan Brown	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Absent
Michelle Ellis	Texas Division of Emergency Management	Absent
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture	Present
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	Absent
Rhonda Masters	Texas General Land Office	Present
Katie Pietsch Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	Present
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Absent
Lisa Mairs/Helena Mosser	US Army Corps of Engineers	Absent
Lisa Collins/Keith Horn	Texas Department of Transportation	Absent
Jacob Donellan	Federal Public Lands	Absent
Randy Reece	Sabine Neches Navigation District	Absent

<u>Liaisons</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Chad Ballard	Region 3. Trinity RFPG	Absent
Don Carona *Doug Manning	Region 4. Sabine RFPG	Absent
Vacant	Region 6. San Jacinto RFPG	Absent
Rolando Ayala	Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Present
Lincoln Abbott	Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Present
Fatima Berrios	Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Present
Risa King	Lower Neches Valley Authority	Present
Victoria Dai	Lower Neches Valley Authority	Present

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 9

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

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Kirian Brown

Rodney Johnson, City of Vidor

**The names of meeting attendees were gathered from those who entered information to join the virtual meeting and those who were physically present.

All meeting materials are available for the public at: <https://nechesfloodplanning.org/>

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call

Discussion/Action Items

- The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m
- Roll Call
- A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items.

Discussion/Action Items

- There were no registered public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Update from Texas Water Development Board.

Discussion/Action Items

- Previously recorded webinars have been posted to the TWDB website.
- Amendments to the first cycle plans are due April 01, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approve minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- There were no comments or discussions regarding the meeting minutes as presented.
- A motion was made by Doug Canant and seconded by Liv Haselbach.
- The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Update from Technical Consultant.

- 2023 Amended Flood Plan Updates (Task 10 - Public Participation and Plan Adoption)**
- Update and overview of Task 1 - Planning Area Description**
- Update and overview of Task 2A - Existing Condition Flood Risk Analyses**

Discussion/Action Items

- Notice of intent feedback received from several entities for inclusion in the amended flood plan.
- Provided an overview of Task 1 requirements, including adding a dam and levee inventory and an inventory of low-water crossings.
- Reviewed Task 2 objectives, performing existing and future condition flood risk analyses.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Public Comment

Discussion/Action Items

- No public comments were submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Reports from other flood planning region liaisons.

Discussion/Action Items

- Region 3. Trinity: The next scheduled meeting is March 12, 2025, at 1 p.m.

- Region 4. Sabine: The next scheduled meeting is January 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
- Region 6. San Jacinto: Steve Moon reported San Jacinto RFPG is considering the creation of an additional voting member category for small municipality representation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Status updates and discussions from RFPG members.

Discussion/Action Items

- Ellen Buchanan presented the need for interagency outreach and communication to understand the potential impact projects could have on the effectiveness of the regional flood plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consider the meeting date for the next meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025, at 2 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Consider possible agenda items for the next meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- Potential agenda items for the next meeting include approving and adopting the amended flood plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Adjourn

Discussion/Action Items

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Scott Hall, SECRETARY



Steve Moon, CHAIR