

Meeting Minutes
 Region 5. Neches Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
 Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
 Hybrid (in-person/virtual) Meeting

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent ()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Milton Purvis	Agricultural	Present
Jeff Branick	Counties	Absent
Liv Haselbach	Electric Generating Utilities	Present
Ellen Buchanan	Environmental	Present
Allen Sims	Flood Districts	Absent
Steve Moon	Industries	Present
Kyle Kingma	Municipalities	Absent
Amanda Young	Public	Present
Scott Hall	River Authorities	Present
Brian McDougal	Small Business	Absent
Butch Wilson	Water Districts	Present
Robb Starr	Water Utilities	Absent

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent ()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Kirian Brown	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Present
Michelle Ellis (Matthew Holloway)	Texas Division of Emergency Management	Absent
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture	Absent
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	Absent
Melissa Washington	Texas General Land Office	Absent
Katie Pietsch Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	Present
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Absent
Lisa McCracken Mairs	US Army Corps of Engineers	Present
Keith Horn	Texas Department of Transportation	Alternate Present
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>
Jonathan Spellman	Region 3. Trinity RFPG	Absent
Don Carona *Doug Manning	Region 4. Sabine RFPG	Present
Vacant	Region 6. San Jacinto RFPG	Absent
Rolando Ayala	Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Present
Lincoln Abbott	Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Present
Risa King	Lower Neches Valley Authority	Present
Victoria Dai	Lower Neches Valley Authority	Absent

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 7
Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12:7

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

Cheryl Ray, Traylor and Associates
Belle Gonzales
Matthew Berg
Samantha Harris. TxDOT
Allison Hand
Justin Kozac
Terry Stelly
Kevin Wessels

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 2:14 p.m.
- 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

- The Technical Memorandum was due January 7, 2025, and administrative reviews are ongoing.
- A chair-led conference call was held on December 3, 2025, to discuss regional approaches to Task 5B, and presentation slides are available on the website..
- An ordered list of FMEs for Task 5B are due to TWDB on or before March 26, 2026.
- TWDB, together with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, developed a model for estimating agricultural economic losses caused by flooding events, and it is available on the website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approve minutes of the December 18, 2025, meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- This item was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation on Nature-based Solutions for Flood Mitigation in Texas.

Discussion/Action Items

- Justin Kosac with The Nature Conservancy delivered the presentation on Nature-based Solutions for Flood Resilience.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Update from Technical Consultant

- a. Update on Task 4B – Preparation and Submission of Technical Memorandum**
- b. Update on Task 4C: Performance of FMEs**
- c. Update on Task 5B - Recommend FMEs to be performed by TWDB**

Discussion/Action Items

- Task 4B – Technical Memorandum: The Technical Memorandum was submitted January 07, 2026, and awaiting review by TWDB.
- Task 4C – Performance of FMEs: The decision process approach was reviewed focusing on FMEs most likely to generate FMPs, maximize the number of FMPs and flood risk reduction.

- Task 5B - Recommend FMEs to be performed by TWDB: The team reviewed FMEs, highlighting key prioritization factors and previous weighting methods from the first planning cycle to score FMEs prior to making a recommendation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Comment

Discussion/Action Items

- No public comments were submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Reports from other flood planning region liaisons.

Discussion/Action Items

- There were no specific updates.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Status updates and discussions from RFPG members.

Discussion/Action Items

- Liv Haselbach reported that the fourth annual “Big Flood Meet” is February 12, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Consider the meeting date for the next meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider possible agenda items for the next meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- FME recommendations

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Discussion/Action Items

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.



Scott Hall, SECRETARY



Steve Moon, CHAIR