Meeting Minutes
Region 4 Sabine Flood Planning Group Meeting
January 27, 2025
1:30 PM
SRA Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (V-Virtual, P-Physical)/ Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)
James (Bill) Bruce	*Agricultural interests*	P
Johnny Trahan	*Counties*	
Francis X. Shannon	*Electric generating utilities*	
Clyde V. "Tad" McKee III	*Environmental interests*	
Doug Manning	*Flood districts*	
Nikki Davis	*Industries*	V
Alton Bradley	*Municipalities*	V
Michelle Falgout	*Public*	V
Travis Williams	*River authorities*	P
Jeff Rogers	*Small business*	P
Roman D. Griffin	*Water districts*	V
Ross Gordon	*Water utilities*	

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present (V-Virtual, P-Physical)/ Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)
Vacant	General Land Office (GLO)	
Kathy Sauceda	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	
Manuel Martinez Alt. Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	
Andrea Sanders	Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	
Robert (Bob) Baker	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	V
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)	V 2:28
Katie Koslan	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	V

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Number of voting members or alternates present. _7__

Seven voting members are required for a quorum.

Quorum is present, **Yes**, or No?

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Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair, FNI *	Allison Hand FNI*	Alice Colville**
Mark Howard, SRA *	Jim Malain **	Christine Gardner, SRA*
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**Physical meeting attendees, **Virtual meeting attendees, names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.*

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order
- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 1:34 PM.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call
- Jeff Rogers confirmed the quorum with 7 out of 12 voting members present.

Agenda Item 3: Receive general public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker).
- No comments from the public.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting held on November 18, 2024.
- Bill Bruce motions to adopt as presented, RD Griffin seconded. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chairman

- Travis Williams informed the membership that advertising began on December 18, 2024, for the empty voting position on the Sabine RFPG.

- Travis reminded the group of the upcoming schedule presented by FNI.
    - January after 1/17/2025 to discuss the progress FNI has made on the Amendment
    - March 2025 vote to approve Amendment
    - May or June 2025 Discussion and approval of tasks for Tech Memo
    - August 2025 Vote to approve Tech Memo

Agenda item 6: Discussion and possible action regarding the replacement for the Sabine RFPG voting member to fill electric generating utilities position.

- Jim Malain was nominated by consensus.

Agenda item 7: Update from the Texas Water Development Board
- The 1st cycle Amendment is due on the April 1st.
- Conference call on January 31 on Exhibit C & D
- Contract kickoff and Payment Request webinars are posted online.
- TWDB is working on the request to change the deadline.

Agenda Item 8: Region 5. Neches RFPG Report.
- No update

Agenda Item 9: Update From Technical Consultant
- Mat presented the amendments that his team is working on.

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    - Region 4 has 27 new FMEs for a total of 198,
    - 6 new FMSs for a total of 65,
    - 14 new FMPs for a total of 47.
- Mat presented the next steps for FNI to incorporate the FMXs into the amendment which will be submitted this spring.
- Allison gave a 2nd Cycle Overview and explanation of the first 3 Tasks and 2nd cycle schedule,
    - Task 1 Planning Area Description,
    - Task 2 Flood Risk Analyses,
    - Task 3 Floodplain Management Practices, Needs Analysis, and Goals.
- Discussion of Future RFPG Meetings

Agenda Item 10: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.
- March 17, 2025, 1:30 PM

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn
Travis Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

Michel Falgout motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alton Bradley seconded, and the motion passed.
Travis Williams ended the meeting at 2:37 PM.

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