



# Region 11: Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Executive Committee Meeting

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Monday, January 25, 2021  
1:00pm

# Agenda Item 1

## Call to Order

### 1. Attendance

# Agenda Item 2

Welcome

# Agenda Item 3

## Public General Comments

Public Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker

# Agenda Item 4

## Interview Process

- Discuss interview process
- Conduct interviews with nominees for voting and non-voting vacant positions

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: 12/09/20

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Ray Buck, rbuck@ugra.org

Nominee Name: Ray Buck

Nominee Phone: 830.896.5445

Nominee E-mail: rbuck@ugra.org

Nominee Mailing Address: 125 Lehmann, Ste 100, Kerrville

County in which the nominee resides: Kerr

Nominee Occupation: General Manager

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group

Buck has served as UGRA General Manager since 2005. Buck serves on the TWDB's Region J water supply planning group and UGRA serves as the political entity for the group. Buck serves on the TWDB's Interregional Planning Council. UGRA has partnered with Kerr county in order to seek funding for a flood warning program.

General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.

In 1988, Buck developed a flood warning plan for Upper Medina river in Bandera county. UGRA recently partnered with Kerr county in developing a county-wide Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. UGRA also partnered with Kerr county in developing a preliminary engineering study for a flood warning program and has committed funding to assist in grant searches for implementation of same.

Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)

Blake Smith, UGRA President 830.739.3334  
Joseph McDaniel, Aqua Texas 903.408.0888

Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)

Kerr County Commissioners Court nomination

*Court Order # 38155*

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF KERR COUNTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING**

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Industries  
River Authorities  
Counties  
Municipalities  
Water districts  
Flood districts  
Electric generating utilities  
Public  
Water utilities  
Environmental interests  
Small business

**WHEREAS**, there is a commitment by individuals and a political subdivision to help establish the proposed Guadalupe Regional Flood Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, July 02, 2020 is the deadline for entities submitting interest forms to the TWDB;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Kerr County Commissioners' Court does hereby on June 29, 2020 supports the following individuals to submit interest forms in the categories indicated:

Kerr County Commissioner, Tom Moser – “Counties”

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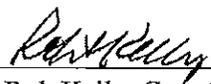
UGRA General Manager, Ray Buck – “River Authorities”

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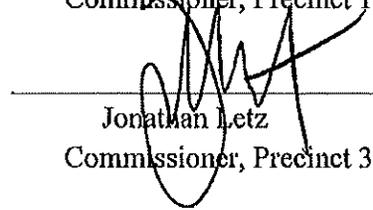
City Engineer, City of Kerrville, Kyle Burrow – “Municipalities”

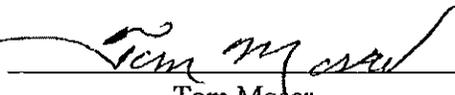
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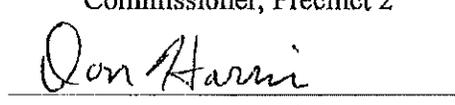
Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
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Jonathan Letz  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
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Tom Moser  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
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Don Harris  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: December 23, 2020

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Kyle Burow (Kyle.Burow@kerrvilletx.gov)

Nominee Name: Kyle Burow

Nominee Phone: (830) 258-1410

Nominee E-mail: Kyle.Burow@kerrvilletx.gov

Nominee Mailing Address: 200 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX

County in which the nominee resides: Kendall

Nominee Occupation: Director of Engineering

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

I am the Director of Engineering and Floodplain Administrator for the City of Kerrville and have obtained my Professional Engineer's license from the State of Texas as well as Certified Floodplain Manager certification from the Texas Floodplain Management Association.

### **General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

I became a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) in December 2014 and have held the position as the City of Kerrville's Floodplain Administrator since May 2015. I have been active in the floodplain management for the City for over six years and in the primary administrator role for over five and a half years. My work as Floodplain Administrator comprises of the review and approval of floodplain applications for development permits, assisting the public in compiling information with federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to flooding and floodplain boundaries, and continually updating the City's records and information. I maintain my certification by attending conferences and seminars relating to challenges, updates, and regulatory changes in floodplain management throughout the state of Texas.

### **Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

Mark McDaniel, City of Kerrville - City Manager (830) 258-1105 EA  
Hoppe, City of Kerrville - Deputy City Manager (830) 258-1106 Tom  
Moser, Kerr County Commissioner, (830) 792-2214

### **Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)**

Included is a brief synopsis of personal history and attached supporting documentation from City Manager of City of Kerrville and resolution from Kerr County for the original application submittal.



**CITY OF KERRVILLE**  
**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
200 Sidney Baker  
Kerrville, Texas 78028-5069  
830.258.1528 / [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov)

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December 23, 2020

Texas Water Development Board  
Executive Administrator  
[floodplanning@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:floodplanning@twdb.texas.gov)

Dear TWDB Executive Administrator:

I am the Director of Engineering and Floodplain Administrator for the City of Kerrville and have obtained my Professional Engineer's license from the State of Texas as well as Certified Floodplain Manager certification from the Texas Floodplain Management Association. As Director of Engineering and Floodplain Administrator, I provide a diverse skill set and range of professional and personal experience in the Guadalupe River region. I have primarily lived in the Guadalupe River basin all my life, aside from time spent in college, by growing up on the banks of the Guadalupe River in Comfort, being employed by the City of Kerrville whose office is a short distance from the river and working on City projects within the floodplain, and have family ranch land on contributing tributaries as well as the Guadalupe River itself near Kendalia. I have professional experience as Floodplain Administrator but also have firsthand experience with numerous historic floods in the area such as living near the Guadalupe River in Comfort during the 1998, 2002, and 2007 floods and the historic flooding in 2015 of family land from Curry Creek near Kendalia to the Guadalupe River more publicized by the problems in the towns of Blanco and Wimberley. I'm capable of leading a team and providing technical and professional experience with the support of leadership within the City of Kerrville and Kerr County to be a strong, dedicated representative for our region.

Should you have any questions regarding or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kyle Burow, P.E. CFM  
Director of Engineering  
City of Kerrville  
[Kyle.Burow@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:Kyle.Burow@kerrvilletx.gov)



City of Kerrville

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July 1, 2020

Texas Water Development Board  
Executive Administrator  
floodplanning@twdb.texas.gov

Dear TWDB Executive Administrator:

It is my honor and pleasure to write this letter of endorsement for Kyle Burow as a Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) Region 11 Municipalities nominee. Kyle is currently the City of Kerrville's Director of Engineering and has held this position since December 2015.

Kyle possesses all the essential qualities of a successful leader. He is attentive to detail and brings forth a diverse set of traits to achieving a common goal for the public.

He has expertise in floodplain management through his role as the City of Kerrville's Floodplain Administrator. He became a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) in December 2014 and has actively held the position since May 2015. His work as Floodplain Administrator comprises of the review and approval of floodplain applications for development permits, assisting the public in compiling information and complying with federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to flooding and floodplain, and continually informing and updating the City of Kerrville's records and information.

Kyle is dedicated and committed to improving development standards and regulations within the floodplain of the Guadalupe River basin and State of Texas. As CFM, Kyle continues to maintain his certification by attending conferences and seminars relating to challenges, updates, and regulatory changes in floodplain management throughout the State of Texas. As a Director of Engineering, Kyle leads the project management group for the City and actively communicates with the public and consultants on various types of projects. His management role consists of technical review, directing consultants and contractors, and decision making throughout the project phases.

The City of Kerrville will grant the necessary accommodations to Kyle's participation in the TWDB flood planning efforts. The City will allow him to actively participate and contribute in RFPG meetings in addition to the dedication of resources to coordinate and represent the City of

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Kerrville as a member of Region 11 in working to the adoption of the state's first regional flood plans.

It is for the above mentioned reasons that I think Kyle would be an ideal candidate for the RFPG. Therefore, I would like to endorse Kyle Burow's candidature for Regional Flood Planning Group Region 11 Municipalities.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark McDaniel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark McDaniel  
City Manager  
City of Kerrville, Texas

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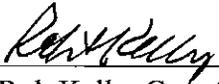
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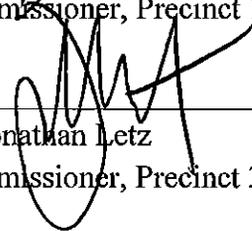
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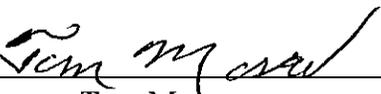
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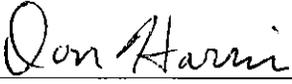
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Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
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Don Harris  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: January 5, 2021

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Kenneth Gill, kgill@victoriatx.gov

Nominee Name: Ken Gill

Nominee Phone: 361-485-3380

Nominee E-mail: kgill@victoriatx.gov

Nominee Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1758, Victoria, Tx 77902

County in which the nominee resides: Victoria

Nominee Occupation: Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

Ken Gill has over 30 years of experience in municipal engineering, including water, wastewater, streets, drainage and traffic. He began his career with the City of Shreveport in the Public Works Department, followed by City of Longview also in Public Works Department developing plans for the water and sanitary sewer system, streets and drainage. Ken moved to the City of Victoria in 1991, accepting the position of Assistant Director of Utilities. In 1993, he accepted the position of City Engineer and continues design and project management of utilities, streets, drainage and traffic. Some of the major accomplishments include the development of the Master Drainage Plan, numerous street reconstruction projects, such as Sam Houston and Laurent Streets, and development of the Design Standards and Standard Details. He is a Texas A & M University graduate with Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and is registered as a professional engineer, since 1988. He holds a Class B Surface Water Operators License and a Class II Wasterwater Collection License. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Texas Water Utilities Association.

### **General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

As City Engineer and now as Director of Public Works, involved with multiple drainage projects and studies in the 30 years. Master Drainage Plan, Regional Storm Water Detention Project, multiple million-dollar drainage projects and improvements. Completing Flood Plain Permits as City Engineer for City facilities. Involved in the adoption of new county wide FIRM Maps.

### **Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

Ben Galvan, P.E., President CivilCorp Inc., 361-570-7500

Michael Brzozowski, P.E., Resident Engineer TxDOT, 361-573-9251

Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)

Resume

## RESUME

Kenneth E. Gill, P.E.  
405 Turtle Rock Drive  
Victoria, Texas 77904

### EDUCATION

Texas A & M University  
College Station, Texas 77841  
Graduated Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering

### LICENSES

Registered Professional Engineer – Texas  
Class “B” Surface Water Operator License – Texas  
Class “II” Wastewater Operator License – Texas

### EXPERIENCE

City of Victoria  
P.O. Box 1758  
Victoria, Texas 77902

March 2020 to Present  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

- Staff of approximately 120 individuals including Engineering, Water Treatment and Distribution Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment and Collection, Traffic Control, and Industrial Pretreatment divisions.
- Provide Master Planning for Public Works
- Develop Capital Improvement Program with project cost estimates
- Act as City Floodplain Manager
- Direct and promote Public Works activities that promotes the health and safety of the citizens, while improving their livability

City of Victoria  
P.O. Box 1758  
Victoria, Texas 77902

May 17, 1994 to March 2020  
City Engineer

- Supervise staff of 9 individuals including 2 engineers, 1 engineering technician, 1 contract administrator and 5 construction inspectors
- Provide customer service to citizens of Victoria that enhances livability, while meeting City policies
- Develop Capital Improvement Program with project cost estimates
- Prepare and maintain pertinent plans, maps, notes, plats and other engineering records
- Prepare Engineering Division Budget and assist with preparing Streets, Traffic and Utility Operation Budgets

- Prepare Requests for Council Action items for City Council, including back-up information and presentation
- Provide engineering staff support for all City Departments
- Design street, utility, traffic and other projects including plans and specifications, bidding, project management and inspections
- Foster positive relationships with citizens, contractors, consultants and other community leaders

City of Victoria  
P.O. Box 1758  
Victoria, Texas 77902

November 4, 1991 to May 14, 1994  
Assistant Director of Utilities

- Provided engineering expertise for development of water and wastewater projects
- Prepared engineering drawings for water and wastewater improvement projects and managed projects through construction
- Assisted in the development of the Regional Water Supply Plan for City and County of Victoria
- Administered the implementation for the TCEQ Wastewater Pre-Treatment Program on the municipal level
- Analyzed and developed corrective measures for specific problem areas associated with the water and wastewater system

City of Longview  
P.O. Box 1952  
Longview, Texas 75606

March 31, 1896 to October 25, 1991  
Civil/Utilities Engineer

- Designed water, wastewater, street, drainage and building projects
- Supervised construction inspector and draftsman
- Processed street/easement abandonments and oil well permitting applications
- Developed computerized complaint database
- Administered City utility pro-rata and tap applications
- Assisted Utilities Department with special projects

Bucher, Willis & Ratliff  
P.O. Box 6218  
Tyler, Texas 75711

October 16, 1985 to March 30, 1986  
Civil Engineer

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: 12/09/2020

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Melissa Reynolds mreynolds@nbtexas.org

Nominee Name: Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM

Nominee Phone: 830-221-4020

Nominee E-mail: mreynolds@nbtexas.org

Nominee Mailing Address: 550 Landa St., New Braunfels, TX 781

County in which the nominee resides: Bexar

Nominee Occupation: Assistant City Engineer

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

Melissa Reynolds is the Assistant City Engineer and a Floodplain Manager for the City of New Braunfels. She has served the City in variety of capacities in her tenure with the Engineering Division including CIP project management for roadway and drainage projects, capital project development, development of comprehensive update to the City's Drainage and Erosion Control Design Manual incorporating water quality requirements, maintaining and updating engineering design standards, along with development services from planning and permitting through construction. Melissa is currently managing the revitalization of the City of New Braunfels Drainage Area Master Plan; which will focus on the comprehensive and holistic watershed needs, incorporating regional drainage, water quality, and floodplain management to create a sustainable program for the City.

Melissa received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio and Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas Arlington. She is a registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Floodplain Manager with over 13 years of municipal and private sector experience. Melissa started her career in geotechnical and environmental engineering prior to transitioning to the public sector over ten years ago.

### **General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

Melissa has worked in local government for 12 years, supporting the public works department and engineering division in development review, floodplain management, drainage and transportation project oversight and development management for the City of New Braunfels. She was critically involved in the 2016 update to the City's new Drainage and Erosion Control Manual including an update to localized rainfall intensities. She has been the primary reviewer for flood studies and detailed drainage design oversight for the City, including the design review for a new regional dam and several bridge projects. She is currently overseeing an overhaul of the City's Drainage Area Master Plan which will serve as the City's drainage program for years to come and will continue to include coordination with two counties, several municipalities, FEMA, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

She was involved in the response to the City's recent flood events including the June 2010 flood and assisted in the development of projects generated from the localized flooding of impacted infrastructure

and private property. She has been an involved member of Texas Floodplain Managers Association (TFMA) and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), including the formation of a local chapter ASCE-EWRI (Environmental & Water Resources Institute). She assisted ASCE in providing review commentary for the TWDB Flood Planning initiatives via ASCE – Flood Mitigation Advisory Task Force. She is currently in the process of updating local floodplain ordinances, code and drainage requirements to align with new state rainfall data (Atlas 14) and increased floodplain regulation to exceed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards to allow for better protections for the residents of the New Braunfels area.

**Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

Jordan Matney - Assistant City Manager - City of New Braunfels (830) 221-4022  
JMatney@nbtexas.org

Garry Ford, Jr., P.E., PTOE - Assistant Public Work Director & City Engineer - City of New Braunfels (830) 221-4020 [gford@nbtexas.org](mailto:gford@nbtexas.org)

Greg Malatek, P.E. - Public Works Director - City of New Braunfels - (830) 221-4020

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Melissa's Resume

Letter of Recommendations: City of New Braunfels Mayor, City Manager & Director of Public Works and NBU

# MELISSA B. REYNOLDS, P. E., MPA, CFM

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Civil Engineer with Master's of Public Administration, management experience and excellent people skills. Proactive with a strong ability to communicate effectively through various techniques and to an array of audiences.

I look forward to the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge I have acquired in profession with a position that will make a positive impact on the citizens of this community, region, and state.

## EDUCATION

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- Bachelor of Science – Civil Engineering      University of Texas - San Antonio      2007
- Master of Public Administration              University of Texas - Arlington              2019

## CERTIFICATIONS

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<i>Licensed May 2012</i>	<b>Professional Engineer (TX)</b>	<b>#: 111667</b>
<i>Certified Dec. 2014</i>	<b>Certified Floodplain Manager (TX)</b>	<b>#: 2742-14N</b>

## ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

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### **City of New Braunfels**

*August 2014 – Current*

#### ***Assistant City Engineer***

- Assume the technical responsibility for coordinating/preparing/reviewing complete phases or components of projects, including engineering reports, calculations, plans and special provisions in accordance with City standards and codes.
- Coordinate the development of project design concepts and criteria. Assists the City Engineer in managing the bid process, construction contractors, and assuring the overall integrity of the projects and services provided.
- Review and validate calculations and field data for the design, layout and construction of roadway, flood control, traffic control, and related projects.
- Performs technical engineering analysis of proposed projects; evaluates need for design changes and makes appropriate recommendations; reviews plans for conformity to uniform codes, local ordinances, and state and Federal regulations.
- Monitors assigned projects, resolves discrepancies between field conditions and design plans, and recommends methods of resolving complex problems.
- Provide hydrologic, hydraulic and engineering analysis for floodplain delineation and drainage studies.
- Review site work and drainage components of development permits.
- Inspect jobsites to assure work quality and assure that jobsites and work activities are in compliance with all laws, regulations, policies and safety standards.
- Respond directly to questions from citizens and agencies on engineering projects and plans.
- Maintain records and files associated with engineering projects.
- Interpret and explain technical specifications, and Federal and state rules and regulations.
- Attend public hearings and meetings.
- Have direct contact with City Management, Citizens and Public Officials regarding concerns for

drainage, development, traffic operations and construction timelines.

- Assisted in development and implementation of the City of New Braunfels Drainage Criteria Manual (2016).

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**City of New Braunfels**

*May 2012 – August 2014*

***Civil Engineer (P.E.)***

- Provide construction management for Capital Improvement Projects including budgets, change orders and plan clarification.
- Evaluate plan submittals and recommend changes as needed directly to the engineer of record.
- Monitor on-going projects through construction to ensure that work is in compliance with the plans of record, City standard and other regulations.
- Responds to citizens' questions regarding existing and future Capital Improvement Projects.
- Maintain project records associated with assigned projects.
- Assist other departments in the management of Capital Improvement Projects as needed.
- Maintain a continued relationship with the Federal Railroad Association and Union Pacific Railroad.
- Act as the point of contact for citizen questions associated with the Railroad Quiet Zone Project.
- Have a vast knowledge of the process and regulations for the development of Railroad Quiet Zones.
- Have a working knowledge of current City of New Braunfels Pavement Management Program.
- Provide support to management and street maintenance division by acting as primary data management manipulator of the Pavement Management Software.
- Have a working knowledge of ArcGIS software and have encouraged the increase use of the software in areas where it may be of benefit to the department and/or the community.

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**City of New Braunfels**

*October 2008 – May 2012*

***Graduate Engineer (E.I.T.)***

- Work directly for the City Engineer and assist in project management and plan/development review.
- Developed and complied plans for TxDOT Federal Grant Projects.
- Developed an implementation plan for the development of Railroad Quiet Zones throughout the city.
- Provided cost estimates for various Capital Improvement Projects.
- Developed plans and provided construction management for various street maintenance, traffic and drainage projects.
- Provide construction management for Capital Improvement Projects including budgets, change orders and plan clarification.
- Manage projects through development, design and bid process.
- Act as Engineering Division GIS Liason and provide GIS support where needed.
- Consult with citizens on topics of accessibility, street and drainage concerns and issues.
- Have worked closely with various local utility companies, school districts, Union Pacific Railroad, Federal Railroad Administration, TxDOT and Comal County.
- Project Experience:
  - Street improvement projects
  - Drainage improvement projects
  - Railroad Quiet Zone Development and Engineering
  - ADA Accessibility
  - TxDOT Safe Routes to School Program

- Grant Project Applications
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**Frost GeoSciences, Inc.**

*May 2007 – October 2008*

***Geotechnical Project Manager***

- Served as a project manager at a small business overseeing all aspects of projects assigned to me.
  - Implemented procedures for the geotechnical lab and CMET field and lab operations in order to increase efficiency.
  - Coordinated geotechnical drilling and managed in house drilling procedures for numerous projects.
  - Acted as primary lab manager and coordinate the geotechnical and CMET lab operations.
  - Managed lab and field technicians (geotechnical and CMET) for assurance of high quality and timely results.
  - Assisted in consulting clients on the testing of construction materials and soils for the purpose of quality control and quality assurance.
  - Attend site visits to observe and supervise drilling, sampling, and construction procedures.
  - Conducted visual classifications and lab assignments on various soil and rock core samples.
  - Performed Potential Vertical Rise (PVR) calculations and used various computer programs to model soil performance.
  - Conducted geotechnical engineering calculations for deep and shallow foundations
  - Performed California Bearing Ratio (CBR) tests, calculations, and used various computer programs to model soil performance.
  - Performed various calculations and recommendations for flexible and pavements designs.
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**Fugro Consultants, Inc.**

*December 2006 – May 2007*

***CMET/Geotechnical Engineering Intern***

- Assisted licensed engineers in data acquisition, research and design for various geotechnical projects and pavement designs.
- Assisted lab technicians in Atterberg limit tests and proctor assignments.
- Assisted in consulting clients on the testing of construction materials and soils for the purpose of quality control and quality assurance.
- Attended site visits to supervise the inspection and observation of the construction of piers for foundations.
- Attended various site visits for on site consulting purposes for recommendations of proper foundations, pavements, and construction procedures.
- Assisted licensed engineers in developing proposals and scope of services for various projects.
- Prepared visual soil classifications and boring logs for various reports.
- Prepared reports for general review.

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**COMPUTER SKILLS**

ArcGIS, AutoCAD (some experience with SewerCAD, WaterCAD, and StormCAD), HEC-RAS, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Microsoft Project, PhotoShop, Page Maker, Turbo Project 2004 National Construction Estimator, Pavement Management Software

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Texas Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, ASCE - Flood Mitigation Task Force, Environmental Water Resources Institute - ASCE, Texas Public Works Association, American Public Works Association



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 7, 2021

Attn: Lauren Willis  
933 E. Court Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

RE: Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM – Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group  
Municipalities Nomination

Dear Texas Water Development Board:

Please accept my endorsement for Melissa Reynolds, Assistant City Engineer for the City of New Braunfels, for the Municipalities position on the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group. Ms. Reynolds has been a dedicated member of the city team for 12 years and is a leader in the organization.

Ms. Reynolds serves our city with her knowledge with the Guadalupe River watershed, floodplain management and dedication to watershed planning. She has a passion for the preservation of our natural resources and works to balance flood protection, economic growth and positive community support. In her years of service, she has shown a unique ability to collaborate with a wide variety of stakeholders, building relationships and partnerships to better our community.

Ms. Reynolds is an asset to our city and I'm confident her expertise will serve the region well in its endeavors for flood planning and prevention.

Sincere Regards,

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Rusty Brockman  
Mayor, City of New Braunfels

ONE CITY, ONE TEAM

830.221.4280 | 550 LANDA STREET, NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130 | NBTEXAS.ORG



CITY MANAGER

January 7, 2021

Attn: Lauren Willis  
933 E. Court Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

RE: Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM – Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group  
Municipalities Nomination

Dear Texas Water Development Board:

I'd like to offer my sincere support for Melissa Reynolds for the Municipalities position on the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Reynolds for over 12 years at the City of New Braunfels. Her dedication to public service and passion for the preservation of our greatest natural resource, our rivers, is admirable.

Melissa leads the City of New Braunfels watershed planning and engineering efforts, floodplain management, and supports watershed management with water quality and endangered species habitat protection. She has also served in project management and development services related to drainage infrastructure and flood protection. Melissa has built a strong and professional relationship with a wide variety of stakeholders, from residents to professionals to developers along with fellow public sector representatives. She maintains a personable relationship and positive attitude while maintaining true to objectives to represent our community.

Melissa is an asset to our organization, the City of New Braunfels and the surrounding community. Her focus on regional watershed focus has been represented in her efforts in revitalizing the New Braunfels Drainage Area Master Plan, going beyond jurisdictional boundaries to engage with County representatives along with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. She is very familiar with the Guadalupe River watershed and has a genuine interest in managing flood risk for the region.

Please accept my recommendation for Ms. Reynolds to the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group. It has been a continued pleasure to work with Melissa and I know she will be invaluable to the efforts of the Water Development Board.

Respectfully,

  
Robert Camareno  
City Manager

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PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Department  
550 Landa Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
Tel: (830) 221-4020

July 1, 2020

Mr. Jeff Walker  
Executive Administrator  
Texas Water Development Board  
1700 North Congress Avenue

RE: Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM

Mr. Walker:

Please accept this letter as a sincere endorsement for Melissa Reynolds as a member for the Texas Water Development Board's Regional Flood Planning Group representing Municipalities.

In her 12-year tenure with the City of New Braunfels, she has had extensive oversight in floodplain management with new development (residential and commercial) extending to neighboring Counties and Cities. During this time, she has been a major component in the development and implementation of the City of New Braunfels' requirements and guidelines for drainage management and flood control measures. Melissa has built a very productive professional relationship for the City with Developers, Engineers, Utility Companies, River Authorities, Water Districts, Counties and other Cities as it pertains to a regional mindset in planning and addressing management for a heavily flood prone area of the State.

In my 35 years in public service there are very few individuals I've had the benefit of managing and working alongside that meet her commitment to the public. Melissa is a continuing asset to the City in floodplain management through her experience and knowledge along with her enthusiasm, positive attitude and being a consensus builder. I know she would bring all of this to the Regional Flood Planning Group if selected as a member.

Sincerely,

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Greg A. Malatek, PE, MBA  
Director of Public Works



January 7, 2021

Attn: Lauren Willis  
933 E. Court Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

RE: Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM – Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group  
Municipalities Nomination

To Whom it my Concern:

Please accept my recommendation for Melissa Reynolds as a representative on the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group. Through the partnership of the City of New Braunfels and New Braunfels Utilities (NBU), I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Reynolds on numerous occasions and her dedication to the community is always evident.

NBU has worked toward a One Water initiative over the last year, and Ms. Reynolds was an integral partner in the course of developing these efforts. One Water is a novel approach to water conservation and preservation, seeing all water as valuable and a true resource. Ms. Reynolds' commitment to our efforts has been irreplaceable. She has provided substantial insight and support. It is always a pleasure coordinating with Ms. Reynolds through interagency partnerships and organization overlaps. Her focus on community protection and the greater good are always held paramount.

I am happy to offer my recommendation for Ms. Reynolds to the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group. I am without doubt that she will bring enthusiasm, positivity, and work to build a cohesive team.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Taylor'.

Ian Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer  
New Braunfels Utilities



# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: January 11, 2021

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Hon. Daryl L. Fowler daryl.fowler@co.DeWitt.tx.us for the Comissioners' Court

Nominee Name: Daryl L. Fowler

Nominee Phone: 361-275-0916

Nominee E-mail: daryl.fowler@co.DeWitt.tx.us

Nominee Mailing Address: 307 N. Gonzales Street, Cuero, TX 77

County in which the nominee resides: De Witt

Nominee Occupation: County Judge

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group

Honorable Daryl Fowler is in his third term as De Witt County Judge. Prior to election, Judge Fowler spent 25 years serving families and businesses in South Central Texas with their financial planning needs and was a politically active citizen. As judge, he has lobbied the Legislature on behalf of counties in the energy sector and is credited with initiatives resulting in landmark legislation [SB1747(83R) and HB2521(85R) ].

General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.

Judge Fowler serves as the emergency director for the county and is responsible for mitigating hazards and responding to local emergencies under Government Code Chapter 418. During his ten (10) years in office, he has witnessed the flooding of the Guadalupe River. The experience with Hurricane Harvey bought more attention to the need for enhanced mitigation efforts and long-term planning that he believes will require local government input, legislative engagement, and taxpayer funds.

Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)

Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, State Representative, Texas House District 30

Victoria Office: 361-572-0196

Hon. Susan Redford, Executive Director, TX ASSOC. COUNTIES 800-456-5974

Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)

- 1) Minute Order of the De Witt County Commissioners Court, January 11, 2021.
- 2) Biography of Honorable Daryl L. Fowler, 2020.

# Daryl L. Fowler

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Daryl L. Fowler is serving his third term as DeWitt County Judge. He entered public service following a 28-year career in the financial services industry.

Soon after taking office in 2011, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter appointed him to the Eagle Ford Shale Task Force, and in 2012, he was appointed to the TXDOT Energy Solutions Task Force where he advocated for state-funded solutions to repair county roads damaged by oil and gas exploration activities.

During 2013, DeWitt County joined with neighboring Eagle Ford Shale counties to pursue legislative solutions identified by the RRC and TXDOT task forces. Legislative victories include the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund, a state grant program authorized under Senate Bill 1747, and House Bill 2521, a law authorizing the comptroller to pay counties the income earned by oil and gas exploration under a county-owned right of way.

Judge Fowler earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Texas Christian University in 1982 and returned to TCU in 2008 to earn a post-graduate certificate in Petroleum Land Practices.

In addition to being a constitutional county judge, he is chairman of the Texas Association of Counties Unemployment Compensation Group Account Fund and a member of the Investment Committee of the TAC Risk Management Pool; a director of Gulf Bend Center; a member of the Regional Economic Development Committee of Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission; manages a family-owned cattle ranch south of Yoakum, and is a deacon of his church.

Judge Fowler and his wife, Lisa, have three grown children and one grandchild.

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**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS**

**REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 11, 2021**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session January 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the county courtroom of the DeWitt County Courthouse in Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

County Judge Daryl L. Fowler  
Commissioner James B. Pilchick Sr., Precinct No. 2  
Commissioner James Kaiser, Precinct No. 3  
Commissioner Richard Randle, Precinct No. 4

the following were had to-wit:

**Municipal Nomination to the GBRA Flood Planning Group (No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Randle made a motion to receive the letter of solicitation of a member and authorize County Judge to serve as a DeWitt County nominee on the GBRA Flood Planning Group for the seat representing counties. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DE WITT

I, Natalie Carson, County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of DeWitt County, Texas, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of an order of the Commissioners Court of DeWitt County, Texas, as the same appears of record in the Commissioners Court Records of DeWitt County, Texas.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of office, at office in Cuero, Texas, on this the 11th day of January, A.D. 2021.

*Natalie Carson*  
Natalie Carson, County Clerk &  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Commissioners  
Court of DeWitt County, Texas



**Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG**  
Member Nomination Form

Date: **December 28, 2020**

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

**Kerr County Commissioners Court**

Nominee Name: **Jonathan Letz**

Nominee Phone: **830-792-2216**

Nominee email: [ccr1936@gmail.com](mailto:ccr1936@gmail.com)

Nominee Address:

**1656 Lane Valley Rd**  
**Comfort, TX 78013**

County in which the nominee resides: **Kerr County**

Nominee Occupation: **County Commissioner**

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  **X Counties**  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group

**Jonathan Letz has been a Kerr County Commissioner for 24 years. He has worked on numerous aspects of county government and is extremely familiar with both surface and groundwater issues. His experience as a County Commissioner has provided knowledge and experience in dealing with flood and other issues throughout Kerr County. He has developed an excellent working relationship with the City of Kerrville and works with the city through a number of interlocal agreements and committees. Mr. Letz lives in eastern Kerr County in the community of Comfort. He owns and operates a ranch in Kerr County; owns property in Kendall County and businesses in both Kerr and Kendall County. He has numerous contacts in both Kerr and Kendall County which will be an asset to the regional planning effort.**

**Jonathan Letz has been one of the longest serving commissioners in Kerr County history. He has been instrumental in developing Kerr County Subdivision Rules and**

Regulations; has coordinated several projects studying flood issues; has served as Chair of the Plateau Regional Water Planning Group (Region J) since 1998; served as liaison to numerous county departments; and been active in many community organizations. He has been the lead Kerr County representative on the \$63M East Kerr / Center Point Wastewater Project. In this capacity he has worked closely with the TWDB, TCEQ, Kendall County WCID, general contractors and coordinated the project at the county level.

Mr. Letz maintains an excellent relationship with the City of Kerrville. He has served as a committee chair on two City of Kerrville Comprehensive Plans. This is indicative of his ability to work on large committees with broad interest groups and develop a unified comprehensive plan. He currently represents Kerr County and works closely with the City of Kerrville on the Kerr Economic Development Corporation, Kerr County / City of Kerrville Airport, EMS Interlocal Agreement and Kerr County Animal Services. It is very important to continue this working relationship on regional flood planning matters.

Jonathan Letz lives in the community of Comfort and has been active in the Kendall County organizations. Mr. Letz has served as President and Trustee of the Comfort Independent School District, President and Director of Kendall County Appraisal District, member of Comfort Flood Plain Coalition and President of Comfort Youth Baseball and Softball Association. This gives Mr. Letz the unique ability to know the issues, concerns and have contacts in both Kerr and Kendall Counties.

General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.

Jonathan Letz has been a county commissioner for over 24 years and during that period has worked first hand on a number of major floods on the Guadalupe River and its tributaries in Kerr County. As the result of a major flood in 1997, an important bridge across the Guadalupe River washed out. Commissioner Letz oversaw the construction of a temporary bridge made out of a railroad car and then the construction of a new high water bridge build by TXDOT. Commissioner Letz has also worked throughout the county on major flood events in 2002, 2004, 2007 and 2017.

He has worked with the Comfort Floodplain Coalition and Kendall County Commissioners Court and the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority on efforts to help solve the flooding in Comfort and far eastern Kerr County. Recently he has worked with TXDOT to try and alleviate the flooding along Highway 27 between Comfort and Kerrville. Finally, he was worked on an early flood warning system for low water crossings throughout Kerr County.

As an area rancher, business owner and governmental official, Jonathan Letz

understands to dynamics of the topography in Kerr County. He remembers the tragic flood of July 16, 1987 when the Guadalupe River took the lives of 10 children in Comfort. Kerr County contains the headwaters of the Guadalupe River and Guadalupe Basin and contains the longest linear distance of the Guadalupe River in the entire basin. He understands the importance of the three major tributaries of the Guadalupe River, the South Fork, the North Fork and Johnson Creek, as well as the other significant tributaries.

Commissioner Letz has worked with engineers John Hewitt and Tommy Mathews and the UGRA on flooding issues along the Guadalupe River. This work involved looking at the feasibility of off channel reservoirs and spreader dams to help alleviate peak flow events during floods.

Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)

**Ray Buck, General Manager / Upper Guadalupe River Authority, 830-896-5445**  
**Charlie Hastings, County Engineer/ Kerr County, 830-896-9046**  
**Todd Bock, Former Mayor / City of Kerrville, 830-739-0214**

Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)

See Attached:

**Resolution Kerr County Commissioners Court, Order 38507**  
**Letter from Kerr County Judge Rob Kelly**  
**Letter of recommendation from Ray Buck, General Manager, UGRA**  
**Resolution Kerr County Commissioners Court, Order 38155**  
**Jonathan Letz Resume**



**THE COUNTY COURT  
OF**

**KERR COUNTY, TEXAS**

700 Main Street, Ste. 101, Kerrville, Texas 78028

Tel: (830) 792-2211

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COUNTY JUDGE  
ROB KELLY

COURT COORDINATOR  
JODY GRINSTEAD

January 11, 2021

COMMISSIONERS COURT  
HARLEY DAVID BELEW, PCT. 1  
TOM MOSER, PCT. 2  
JONATHAN LETZ, PCT. 3  
DON HARRIS, PCT. 4

Doug Miller, Chair  
Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group  
905 Nolan Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

Dear Mr. Miller,

Kerr County Commissioners Court authorized me to send a letter of recommendation for Commissioner Jonathan Letz to be named to fill the "County" vacancy on the Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group. Kerr County contains the headwaters of the Guadalupe River and is the primary geographic area of the upper Guadalupe Basin. Kerr County has been working on flood control issues for years and will most certainly be the sponsor and main financial contributor to any flood control and mitigation projects in the upper basin. For this reason we believe it is important to have a representative of Kerr County on the Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group.

Commissioner Letz has been on the Court for over 24 years. He understands the workings of the county and county government better than anyone we could think of to represent the interests of Kerr County. Commissioner Letz has an excellent working relationship with the City of Kerrville, the Upper Guadalupe River Authority and Kendall County Commissioners Court. He has shown his leadership by serving on numerous committees and boards including several that work directly with flood issues in Kerr County and the entire Guadalupe Basin.

Commissioner Letz oversees Kerr Counties efforts for the construction of the \$63M Center Point / East Kerr Waste Water Project, currently serves as Chair of the Plateau Regional Water Planning Group (Region J), and in general when there is a project to undertake, Commissioner Letz is ready to step up and tackle the project. I believe Commissioner Letz would be a valuable member of Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group and strongly encourage his appointment to the Board.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Kelly".

Rob Kelly  
Kerr County Judge



January 8, 2021

Guadalupe Basin  
Natural  
Resources Center

125 Lehmann Drive  
Ste. 100

Kerrville, Texas  
78028-5908

(830) 896-5445

Fax (830) 257-2621  
Email: rbuck@ugra.org

Doug Miller, Chair  
Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group  
905 Nolan Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

Dear Mr. Miller:

With full confidence, I recommend Kerr County Commissioner, Jonathan Letz, to serve on the Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group. I've had the pleasure of working alongside Commissioner Letz for the past 15 years on numerous local and regional issues impacting water resources.

In working with Commissioner Letz on the Plateau Water Planning Group (Region J), on which he has served as Chair since its inception, I've witnessed first-hand his unique ability to guide and motivate other members. He is a natural leader and problem solver, easily identifying and proposing solutions to complex and sometimes challenging issues.

Without hesitation, it's my privilege to recommend Jonathan Letz for the Region 11 Guadalupe Flood Planning Group.

Sincerely,

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Raymond L. Buck, Jr.  
General Manager

UGRA

## JONATHAN LETZ

**OBJECTIVE** Overview of work, management, business and government experience.

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**QUALIFICATIONS** Elected as county commissioner five times. Has held numerous management and oversight positions.

Worked for Exxon Corporation, has operated a successful cattle and hunting ranch and has founded and operated several small businesses

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**EXPERIENCE** **KERR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3**  
January 1, 1997 to Present  
Elected in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020.

In 1996, he was elected Kerr County Commissioner of Precinct #3 and was re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. In 1998 Jonathan Letz was appointed to the Plateau Water Planning Group – Region J. He has served as chair since 1998. Commissioner Letz has worked extensively on county subdivision rules, land use and county water issues. As county commissioner he oversaw the East Kerr / Center Point Wastewater Project for Kerr County. This over \$63M project when completed will provide sewer service to much of eastern Kerr County and greatly improve the water quality of the Guadalupe River

### **CHERRY CREEK RANCH**

1987 to Present

Cherry Creek Ranch was the recipient of the Lone Star Land Steward Award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 2002. In 2013 received Wildlife Conservation award for Region II from the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Texas. He has worked extensively with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, University of Texas, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Texas A & M University and other entities on scientific and land stewardship projects.

### **SOUTHWEST TURF AND IRRIGATION**

1996 to Present

Owner full service landscape construction and landscape maintenance company. Southwest Turf and Irrigation has been recognized as one the premier landscape companies in central Texas. Projects have been featured in Architectural Digest, Garden Design, Country Homes magazines and other publications

### **THE GARDEN HAUS**

2010 to Present

The Garden Haus was opened as a business to compliment the landscape business in 2010. It has become the

leading retail nursery in the area. The nursery maintains a large selection of trees, shrubs, perennials and annual plants, with specialties in xeriscape, native and deer resistant plants. The nursery features an extensive gift shop and pottery selection.

**EXXON CORPORATION**

1981 to 1988

Various management positions, negotiated contracts and responsible for up to a \$50 million acquisition budget.

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**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

1979 Degree BBA in General Business

1981 Degree in Petroleum Land Management

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**ACTIVITIES**

**PLATEAU WATER PLANNING GROUP** (Region J); Chair - 1998 to Present

**KERR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, Director 2018 to Present

**TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION**; Director, Executive Committee, Officer - 2011 to Present

**HILL COUNTRY REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE**, Director 2020 to Present

**COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**; Trustee, President 1992 to 1996

**KENDALL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**; Director, President – 1993 to 1996

**KERRVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE**; Board Member, President 1994 – 2002, 2014 to Present

**TIVY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB**; Board Member, President – 1999 to 2006

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**PERSONAL**

Married to Karen Letz and they have two sons: Sam 16 and Gus 15.

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# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: 12/22/2020

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Michael Morrison morrn@gmail.com

Nominee Name: Michael Morrison

Nominee Phone: 830-643-4776

Nominee E-mail: morrn@gmail.co

Nominee Mailing Address: 1172 Provence Place, New Braunfels

County in which the nominee resides: Comal

Nominee Occupation: Retired, government administration

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

I have thirty five years experience in local government. During that time, I worked with various joint County/City projects. In 1998, I was appointed to the initial state water planning group for the Brazos basin where I worked alongside various stakeholders to develop the first statewide water plan. From 2006 to 2013 I worked cooperatively with Comal and Guadalupe Counties on a variety of projects. During that same period, I was actively involved in several regional efforts.

### **General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

As stated above, I have been involved with flood related planning and response throughout my career, ranging from emergency management for flood events to creating development standards to mitigate flood potential. I have worked with river authorities, water districts, and county governments on various flood issues.

### **Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

Jay Brewer, community volunteer, 830-832-0679

Doug Toney, former publisher, Herald Zeitung, 830-608-5072

### **Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)**

Resume

Letter of endorsement from Comal County

# Michael E. Morrison

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1172 Provence Place  
New Braunfels, Tx 78132

E-mail [morrnb@gmail.com](mailto:morrnb@gmail.com)  
Phone: 830-643-4776

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS

#### Deputy City Manager

2013 to 2019

- Project Manager/Lead Negotiator for \$170 Million entertainment venue including 8,000 seat amphitheater and 200,000 square feet of restaurant/retail
- Project Manager/Lead Negotiator for \$110 Million, 359 room Westin branded convention center headquarter hotel
- Supervised creation of Tax Increment Financing District for redevelopment of former Texas Stadium site
- Supervised creation of Tax Increment Financing District for redevelopment of Irving's Heritage District
- Restructured Human Resources Department

### CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

#### Interim Deputy City Manager

2013

- Responsibilities included Streets, Drainage, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation, Construction Management, and Airport
- Continued efforts related to hurricane Ike recovery utilizing over \$100 million in CDBG and FEMA funds
- Developed capital project reporting process

### CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

#### City Manager

2006 to 2013

- Completed negotiations for \$1.5 Billion, 2400 acre mixed use development that includes 5000 residential units, a four year university, and a fifty acre medical campus utilizing a water improvement district as financing mechanism. Agreement requires developer to dedicate 480 acres of parkland, construction of regional detention dam, and major roadway improvements
- Successfully negotiated 400 acre mixed use TIRZ that includes retail, multi-family residential, and 190 bed regional hospital facility
- Implemented airport business plan resulting in development of FAA supported tower, major runway infrastructure expansion, and attraction of flight school and aircraft maintenance operations
- Initiated and completed economic development strategic plan in cooperation with the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce
- Created City's first residential historic district. District has been expanded twice, two additional residential historic districts have been designated along with a downtown historic commercial district
- Completed Downtown Implementation Plan using stakeholder focused planning process
- Developed regional transportation plan through stakeholder process that achieved agreement between landowners, developers, and environmental interest groups
- Created Guadalupe River riparian restoration effort through land purchase, donation, and use of conservation easements
- Member, Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Stakeholder Committee
- Recognized by TCEQ as Texas Environmental Excellence Award finalist for protection of the Guadalupe and Comal River Systems

**CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS**

<b>Assistant City Manager</b>	<b>1996 to 2006</b>
<b>Director of Economic Development</b>	<b>1988 to 1996</b>
<b>Community Development Administrator</b>	<b>1985 to 1988</b>

- Negotiated economic development projects representing \$180 million in private/public investment and creation of over 3,000 jobs
- Downtown Tax Increment District recipient of National League of Cities Urban Enrichment Award
- Negotiated water rights agreement with the Brazos River Authority, securing 80,000 acre feet of water for future Abilene water supply
- Municipal representative and Chair, Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, planning area covered 37 counties in the Brazos River Basin

**EDUCATION**

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

- Master of Regional Planning

**University of Florida, Gainesville**

- Bachelor of Arts in Economic Geography/Industrial Location



# COMAL COUNTY

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## COMMISSIONERS COURT

*Kevin Webb, Precinct 3 • 100 Main Plaza • New Braunfels, TX 78130*

Texas Water Development Board—Flood Planning  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701

July 2, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hope this correspondence finds you well.

On this date the Commissioners Court of Comal County at a meeting duly convened and acting in its official capacity as the governing body of Comal County voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Michael Morrison as its nominee to the Regional Flood Planning Group.

Mr. Morrison's experience in these matters and working with stakeholder groups to achieve common goals make him an ideal candidate. Comal County is affected in terrible ways every few years by floods and Mr. Morrison, having worked many years in this community, understands our needs and concerns completely. We believe he will be a major asset to the group and will help to produce a statewide plan to help us to better plan for and confront these events in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin K. Webb

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: 1/8/2021

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Lon A. Shell, lon.shell@co.hays.tx.us

Nominee Name: Lon A. Shell

Nominee Phone: 512.847.3159

Nominee E-mail: lon.shell@co.hays.tx.us

Nominee Mailing Address: 200 Stillwater Dr., Suite 103

County in which the nominee resides: Hays

Nominee Occupation: Hays County Commissioner, Pct 3

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

I have served as the Precinct 3 Commissioner in Hays County since 2017 and served as Chief of Staff of Hays County for 7 years prior to becoming a Commissioner. Precinct 3 includes southwestern San Marcos and the Wimberley Valley. I grew up in San Marcos, attended the San Marcos public schools K-12, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University, College Station. I have worked for large corporations, small businesses, and myself, in addition to my tenure as a public servant.

Flood planning is extremely important to me and the citizens of Hays County that I represent. We have experienced multiple devastating floods in Hays County, including the 2015 Memorial Day Weekend flood that changed my life forever. As the County's Chief of Staff, I worked alongside my colleagues and the citizens of Wimberley and San Marcos in recovery efforts during the aftermath of that flood. As a County Commissioner I have spent the years following that event working on flood planning, flood mitigation, and the development of flood warning systems. I was extremely pleased to follow the legislation that created this opportunity and look forward to participating in this extremely important endeavor.

In addition to my service on multiple boards and committees, and as the Precinct 3 County Commissioner, I also serve as:

- President of San Marcos Hays County EMS
- Chairman of the Hays County Combined Emergency Communications Executive Board
- Chairman of the Hays County Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission
- A Hays County representative on the Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CARTPO)

**General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

In the 10 years I have spent with Hays County, I have responded to floods, led flood recovery efforts, worked on flood mitigation projects, and implemented flood warning systems. I have worked with multiple cities, businesses and other entities on flood planning initiatives.

**Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe, Hays County Commissioner Pct 1, 512.393.2243  
Will Conley, former Hays County Commissioner Pct 3, 512.738.1079

**Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)**

I have attached a letter that was sent during the original application process.

# Hays County Commissioner

Precinct 3



**Lon A. Shell**

200 Stillwater, Suite 103 ▪ P.O. Box 2085 ▪ Wimberley, Texas 78676

July 1, 2020

Jeff Walker  
Texas Water Development Board  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Subject: Regional Flood Planning Group nomination

Mr. Walker,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest in representing counties in the Guadalupe Flood Planning Region (Region 11). I have submitted the online nomination form and ask that this letter be included with my application. The Commissioners Court of Hays County passed a resolution in support of my nomination on June 23, 2020. I have served as the Precinct 3 Commissioner in Hays County since 2017 and served as Chief of Staff of Hays County for 7 years prior to becoming a Commissioner. Precinct 3 includes southwestern San Marcos and the Wimberley Valley. I grew up in San Marcos, attended the San Marcos public schools K-12, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University, College Station. I have worked for large corporations, small businesses, and myself, in addition to my tenure as a public servant.

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Thank you again for this opportunity,



Lon A. Shell  
Hays County Commissioner, Pct 3

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: January 4, 2021

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Rene Hernandez, GVEC System Engineer

Nominee Name: Robert B. Christmas

Nominee Phone: 830-386-4422

Nominee E-mail: bchristmas@gvec.org

Nominee Mailing Address: 6400 IH-10 W, Seguin, Tx. 78155

County in which the nominee resides: Guadalupe

Senior Executive Manager

Nominee Occupation:

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

Born into a military family, Bobby spent most of childhood in Europe, Turkey and parts of the U.S. He started his career at GVEC in 1981 as a groundman. Became a Lineman, went back to college and graduated from Texas State University in 1999 with a bachelors degree in Applied Arts and Science. While in college he was promoted as the Safety Coordinator and upon graduation to Operations Manager, then to Engineering and Operations Manager and COO. In 2013, became Senior Executive Manager of Compliance, Safety, Transportation and Facilities. Holds certifications as Professional Utility Safety Administrator and Utility Safety Professional. He is a Cooperative representative on the Texas Reliability Entity's Member Representative Committee and sits on several Boards in electric utility related organizations. He and his wife Gloria of 37 years are members of St's Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels where they serve as Eucharistic Ministers and on the Church Council.

### **General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

Since 1981, Bobby has worked throughout the lower Guadalupe River basin during flooding and other natural disasters. He was instrumental in the development of the GVEC Emergency Operations Plan and is responsible for its continued updates. Since 1995, he has had the responsibility of maintaining and updating all other GVEC corporate insurances, OSHA required programs, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), Texas and local Emergency Management Coordinators (EMC) Electric Sector (E-ISAC), Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS), PUCT & ERCOT compliance, NERC compliance and other federal, state and local compliance and legal matters for GVEC.

**Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

William "Bill" West, Retired GBRA General Manager, former work associate,  
830-660-3333.

Arnold Zwicke, Guadalupe County Sheriff, work associate, 830-660-6688.

**Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)**

Resume attached in separate E-mail.

## **ROBERT B. CHRISTMAS**

156 Red Oak Trail  
Marion, Texas 78124  
(830) 857-5069  
[bchristmas@gvec.org](mailto:bchristmas@gvec.org)

### **PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE:**

### **EXPERIENCE:**

2017-Present

#### Senior Executive Manager – Compliance, Safety, Transportation & Facilities

- Supervise four departments, 20 employees
- Responsibilities include those below
- Responsible for all GVEC, properties, facilities operations, construction and maintenance
- Administered budget in excess of \$5 million

2012-2017

#### Senior Executive Manager – Compliance, Safety, Transportation

- Supervise three departments, 7 employees
- Responsible for FERC, NERC, ERCOT compliance
- Responsible for federal, state and local laws, regulations
- Responsible for all safety, loss control and environmental compliance
- Responsible for corporate insurance program
- Responsible for accident/incident investigations, liability claims, litigation
- Coordinate Safety Committee training and activities
- Administer budget of approximately \$2.5 million

2005-2012

#### Engineering and Operations Manager & Chief Operating Officer

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Gonzales, Texas

- Supervise six departments with 105 employees, including those in previous position; added engineering, field services, technical services.
- Mentored new Safety Coordinator
- Intimately involved in transmission CCN process
- Involved with ERCOT, TexasRE and other state and federal regulatory agencies
- Administer budget between \$35 million and \$40 million

2002-2004

#### Operations Division Manager

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Gonzales, Texas

- Supervision included the departments and budgets listed below, including the responsibilities of safety/environmental

1999 - 2002

#### Acting Operations Division Manager

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Gonzales, Texas

- Supervise three departments with 67 employees, including warehouse and materials purchasing and storage, overhead and underground construction/ maintenance crews, right-of-way crews and seven contractor crews.
- Administer budget in excess of \$2.5 million
- Plan and schedule annual system improvement work plan
- Supervise purchasing agent overseeing five to seven million dollars of annual purchases

1995 - 2004

Management Assistant-Safety/Environmental

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative Inc., Gonzales, Texas

- Coordinated loss control program
- Developed GVEC safety manual
- Administered corporate insurance program
- Administered environmental compliance program
- Resolved liability claims
- Responsible for safety training and compliance

1981 - 1995

Groundman, Apprentice Linemen and Lineman

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative Inc., Seguin, Texas

- Completed four-year apprenticeship program
- Involved in construction, operations and maintenance of transmission, substation and distribution electric utility lines and equipment
- Operated all types of utility equipment and vehicles

**EDUCATION:**

*Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas*

Degree: Bachelor of Applied Arts & Science  
Major: Occupational Education  
Emphasis: Management, Communications and Psychology  
Graduation: December 1999

**SKILLS:**

- Proficient with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and other computer software applications
- Knowledgeable of electric utility engineering and operations
- Knowledgeable of multiple regulatory agencies, processes, Standards and Requirements
- Adapts easily and learns quickly
- Strong communications and people skills
- Proficient in public speaking

**Professional Licenses and Certifications:**

- Observer, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Safety Assessment Program
- Certified Utility Safety Administrator, National Safety Council
- Certified Utility Safety Professional - Transmission and Distribution Endorsement – Utility Safety & Operations Leadership Network
- FEMA certification courses IS-100.c, IS-200.b, IS-700.b, IS-800.c, IS-900
- OSHA 10 & 30 Hour Certificates
- OSHA Campus 360 Training – Accident Investigation Reporting
- Texas Dept. of Public Safety – Infrastructure Liaison Officer
- Concealed Carry License Holder
- Licensed Class A – Commercial Drivers' License Holder

**Organization Memberships:**

- Knights of Columbus, St's. Peter & Paul Council #4183, New Braunfels, Tx. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Eucharistic Minister – St's Peter & Paul Catholic Church, New Braunfels

- Church Council member – St's Pater & Paul Catholic Church, New Braunfels
- Texas Reliability Entity, Member Representative Committee Representative – Cooperative Segment
- GVEC Corporate Representative, ERCOT
- Homeland Security Information Network - Member
- Texas Information Sharing & Analysis Organization - Member
- Founder and Chairman of the Texas Lineman's Rodeo Association, Inc.
- Director, Texas Electric Power Conference
- Chairman, International Lineman's Rodeo Safety Conference Committee
- Past Chairman, Texas Electric Cooperative Loss Control Program Advisory Committee
- Member IEEE
- Member National Safety Council

**REFERENCES:**

Available upon request

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date: 1/11/2021

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Don Durden

Nominee Name: Don Durden

Nominee Phone: 210-414-9099

Nominee E-mail: don.durden@co.kendall.tx.us

Nominee Mailing Address: 411 Hwy 473, Comfort, TX 78013

County in which the nominee resides: Kendall

Nominee Occupation: County Commissioner

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

### **Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group**

I have experience in both public policy and technical realms of infrastructure issues such as transportation, water supply, and education. As such, I am able to represent the public interest with a thorough understanding.

Please see attached bio and summary qualifications for more information

### **General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.**

BSCE Texas A&M University, 1977

Professional Engineer #49682 (retired) - 39 years

Registered Public Land Surveyor #4200 - 37 years

Founder of Don Durden, Inc. DBA Civil Engineering Consultants (retired) - 40 years

Former Public Member of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District Legislative Oversight Committee (approximately 4 years)

See attached resume for more information

### **Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)**

Honorable Lyle Larson, State Representative District

Honorable Darrell L. Lux, Kendall County Judge

### **Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)**

Bio and Summary Qualifications

Letter of Recommendation from Rep. Lyle Larson

Letter of Recommendation from County Judge Darrel L. Lux

## Bio and Summary Qualifications of Don Durden



Mr. Durden was born in Fredericksburg, Texas in 1954. His family moved to Comfort in 1960, where he attended Comfort schools and graduated as salutatorian of the Comfort High School Class of 1972. He then attended Texas Lutheran College and later graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Following college, Mr. Durden and his wife returned to Kendall County to raise their family, and today they operate a small farm where they raise hay, lambs, and tend a modest commercial vineyard.

Mr. Durden is a Professional Engineer (Retired) and Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Texas. In 1983, he founded the San Antonio firm of Civil Engineering Consultants (CEC), which, at his retirement, employed more than 100 people with branch offices in Laredo and Bryan/College Station. Mr. Durden retired from CEC in March 2020 and will continue to serve as the board chair through February 2021.

During his 39-year professional career, he was the engineer of record for several major roadway and infrastructure projects in San Antonio. He also served in a variety of leadership roles in his profession and in the communities in which he lives and works. In 1987, Durden was recognized as the Young Engineer of the Year in Bexar County, and in 2007 as Engineer of the Year. He is also the author of technical paper, *Funding Texas Highways for the Next Twenty Years*, for which the American Society of Civil Engineers gave him the John B. Hawley Award in 2010.

Durden has spent most of his professional career in leadership positions responding to infrastructure challenges involving highways, roads and bicycle facilities; water and sewer lines; flood control and drainage facilities; single and multifamily housing; schools, and other educational buildings, etc. He has also been involved in planning, designing, building, and managing these projects, as well as the drafting and modification of policies and legislation that affects them.



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TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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LYLE LARSON, CHAIR

June 30, 2020

Mr. Jeff Walker  
Executive Administrator  
Texas Water Development Board  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13231  
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

Dear Mr. Walker,

It is my pleasure to recommend Don Durden to serve as the public member for the newly established Guadalupe basin Regional Flood Planning Group. Having known Don for a number of years, I can attest that he possesses the necessary expertise, skills, and dedication to serve in this capacity.

Don has spent most of his 39-year professional career in leadership positions responding to infrastructure challenges, namely in Bexar County and Kendall County. He has been involved in the planning, designing, building, and managing of these projects, as well as drafting and modify policies and legislation that affects them.

His experience includes extensive flood-related work as both an engineer and public official. As a civil engineer, he has analyzed areas in and near flood prone areas and designed flood control measures including open channels and large underground drainage conduits for a range of flood events. As County Commissioner in Kendall County, Don worked with the Kendall County Engineers to correct several errors in the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for that area, reducing the official flood plain in some areas, while expanding it in others.

In these capacities, he has demonstrated a willingness and ability to listen to and work with people and communities affected by floods. Clearly, Don's expertise and ability to work cooperatively on public issues would be an asset to the development of the region's first regional flood plan.

Thank you for your consideration of Don Durden for this position.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle Larson".

Lyle Larson

WILL METCALF, VICE-CHAIR

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## COUNTY OF KENDALL

**DARREL L. LUX**  
COUNTY JUDGE

July 1, 2020

Texas Water Development Board  
Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Endorsement of Don Durden for the Public Member of the Regional Flood Planning Group for the Guadalupe River Basin

Dear Mr. Walker,

I am writing you today to endorse Don Durden as the Public Member of the Regional Flood Planning Group for the Guadalupe River Basin. I have worked closely with Mr. Durden since he was first elected in 2016 to fill the unexpired two years of the prior County Commissioner's term. He was re-elected to full term, which began January 2019.

Since becoming a member of the Court, Mr. Durden has served his constituents well. He was instrumental in coordinating with TxDOT to secure funding for a much needed improvement to IH 10 in his precinct. In addition, he served as the Court's liaison on completion of the \$3M EMS Building and on the construction phase of the \$26M Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Durden also has managed to work with our Road and Bridge Crews in completing two culvert replacement projects and paving several heretofore unpaved county roads. He worked closely with County Staff to correct the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Comfort, an unincorporated community in his Precinct. He provides a bi-weekly article to the local newspaper reporting on the Court's proceedings, and he is responsive to his constituents.

In early 2019, he took the initiative to propose a Countywide Transportation Planning Group and he co-chairs that effort. The organizational structure and scope of the proposed work proposed by Commissioner Durden, and the manner in which he and his co-chair, Bob Manning, prosecute that work has created some positive momentum that we hope to capitalize on once the pandemic crisis has abated.

I whole heartedly endorse Commissioner Durden to fill the role of the Pubic Member on the Guadalupe River Basin Regional Flood Planning Group. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lux", written over a horizontal line.

Darrel L. Lux  
Kendall County Judge

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date:

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Nominee Name: Ben Eldredge

Nominee Phone: 210-633-7150

Nominee E-mail: ben@cibolo.org

Nominee Mailing Address: 202 Shane Lane, Boerne TX 78006

County in which the nominee resides: Kendall County

Nominee Occupation: Director of Civic Engagement

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

River Authorities  Municipalities  Counties  Public  Electric Generating Utilities

Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group

Have a Bachelors in Environmental Science. Currently employed by the Cibolo Center for Conservation as the Director of Civic Engagement. Serve on the Boerne Unified Development Code Committee, Kendall County Transportation Planning Committee, the Board of Directors for the Cow Creek GCD, and on the Board of the Hill Country Alliance.

General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.

Managed a ranch for ~6 years with emphasis on grazing management that improves forage, habitat, biodiversity, and water capture. Have studied with Mark Shepard, author of "Water for Any Farm," on the use of swales on contour and keyline plowing as water capture strategies.

Have presented on LID / Green Infrastructure to numerous groups and successfully advocated for adoption of LID and increased stream setbacks in the City of Boerne.

Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)

Carolyn Chipman Evans, CEO of the Cibolo Center for Conserservation,  
210-364-0857

Dr. Michael Young, Researcher, UT Bureau of Economic Geology, 512-475-8830

Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)

Resume, included with email.

# **BENJAMIN ELDREDGE**

202 SHANE LANE BOERNE, TX 78003  
210.633.7150 BEN.ELDREDGE@GMAIL.COM

## **SUMMARY**

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Passionate and energizing environmental advocate creating impactful and lasting change through public education and advocacy. Able to persuade and inspire action through public speaking, writing, and marketing. Equipped with a broad knowledge of environmental solutions necessary to facilitate an equitable and sustainable future.

## **EDUCATION**

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**B.A., Hobart College,** Geneva, NY, 2000

Major: Environmental Studies

Minor: English Literature and Religious Studies

**University Of Queensland,** Brisbane, QLD, Australia 8/98 – 11/98

Environmental Field Work and Statistical Data Analysis

**Texas Master Naturalist Certification,** Kerrville, TX, Fall 2004

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Cibolo Nature Center & Farm, Boerne TX** **2/1/20 - Present**  
**Director of Civic Engagement and Land Stewardship**

- Providing thought-leadership to empower local leaders with innovative solutions that benefit the local environment, human well-being, and sustain a healthy economy.
- Co-creating an Internet of Water data platform with Duke University and the University of Texas to inform regional stakeholders and decision makers about water quantity, quality, and use.
- Serving on regional committees that are shaping future growth and resource management in Kendall County.
  - Influencing economic development planning to ensure responsible use of natural resources and respect for the natural environment through the Boerne and Kendall County Economic Development Corporation's Strategic Plan Committee.
  - Encouraging water-policy upgrades and best management practices through service on the Kendall County Water Committee.

- Promoting innovative, multi-modal, and efficient transportation solutions via the Kendall County, Boerne and Fair Oaks Ranch Transportation Planning Committee.
- Advocating for environmentally sensible development practices as a member of the Boerne Unified Development Code Committee.
- Producer of publications and articles relating to environmentally sensible development practices in the Texas Hill Country.
- Supporting local advocacy groups and initiatives to better influence local decision makers and educate the public.

***Cibolo Nature Center & Farm, Boerne TX***  
**Director of Adult Education & Research**

***3/1/10 - Present***

- Educator and program coordinator emphasizing natural resource conservation through land stewardship, water conservation, solar energy, organic agriculture, and citizen science.
- Public presentations and outreach with an emphasis on low impact development, regenerative agriculture, civic engagement, monarch butterfly conservation and citizen science.
- Production of publications and educational videos relating to rainwater harvesting, restoration agriculture, watershed stewardship, and comprehensive program planning as well as writing articles for local publications and organization newsletters.
- Founding of the Cibolo Nature School, a nature-based preschool for ages 3–5 years, including program and pedagogy research, sourcing consultants, 5-year budget projecting, board presentations, job descriptions, staff hiring, school certification and marketing.
- Developing provincially unique programs, including “Restoration Agriculture for Natural Resource Professionals,” “Hands On Organic Gardening,” “Citizen Science for the Classroom,” “Monarch Biology, Ecology and Citizen Science,” “Fire Ecology & How to Conduct a Prescribed Burn,” and many more.
- Participating in numerous regional conservation planning groups and government agency strategic planning efforts, including the Monarch Joint Venture Agriculture & Communications Workgroups, Hill Country Alliance Water Team, Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed Partnership, and numerous species conservation workgroups.
- Co-creation and facilitation of the “Life Journey Planning Process,” engaging the local community to develop programs that address regional conservation needs.
- Donor cultivation and fundraising, including grant writing, speaking engagements, visual illustrations, video production and grant reporting.
- Hiring, training, and management of education department employees, and volunteer recruitment, training, and coordination.
- Annual budgeting and budget oversight.
- Facilitation of staff and volunteer workgroups to plan programs, events, and projects.

***Inspire Boerne, Boerne TX***  
**Co-Founder & Activist**

**2/17 – 2/20**

- Co-founder of regional advocacy group “Inspire Boerne” to encourage public participation in regional government with an emphasis on resource conservation.
- Author of “Inspiration for the Boerne Master Plan,” a document encouraging resource conservation and smart growth, including low-impact development, multimodal transportation, dark sky lighting, and increased parks and natural areas.
- Advising city staff and city council regarding the importance and feasibility of low-impact development and sourcing regional experts to assist with the creation of an ordinance.
- Writing editorials for regional news outlets, posting blogs, authoring and circulating petitions to oppose inappropriate zoning and encourage a low impact development ordinance.

***eLight Productions, Pipe Creek TX***  
**Independent Marketing & Consultation**

**4/1/08 – 3/1/10**

- Production of marketing videos for regional businesses.
- Website and printed materials design.
- Production of video and marketing resources for “The Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation.”
- Environmental inspection and documentation of a hydraulic fracking operation.

***Pipe Creek Ranch, Pipe Creek TX***  
**Ranch Manager**

**6/1/03 – 4/1/08**

- General management and oversight of employees of a 5,000 acre working ranch in the Texas Hill Country.
- Tourism coordination and hunting lease management.
- Coordination with USDA/NRCS to fulfill contracts.
- Organic certification application & grazing management.
- Economic assessment of new business enterprise viability.

# Agenda Item 5

Consideration of a recommendation to the Full RFPG for the appointment to fill the vacant voting positions of River Authorities, Municipalities, Counties, and Electric Generating Utilities

- a. Discussion, nomination and consideration of individuals to fill the River Authorities interest category position.
- b. Discussion, nomination and consideration of individuals to fill the Municipalities interest category position.
- c. Discussion, nomination and consideration of individuals to fill the Counties interest category position.
- d. Discussion, nomination and consideration of individuals to fill the Electric Generating Utilities interest category position.

# Agenda Item 6

Consideration of a recommendation to the Full RFPG for the appointment to fill the vacant non-voting positions in the Public interest group.

- a. Discussion, nomination and consideration of individuals to fill the public interest category position.

# Agenda Item 7

## Public General Comments

Public Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker

# Agenda Item 8

Adjourn