

Meeting Minutes
Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
April 13, 2021
2:00 PM
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex (905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155)
or
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Doug Miller Melissa Reynolds*	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
John Johnston	<i>Counties</i>	X
Lon Shell	<i>Counties</i>	
Bobby Christmas	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	X
Annalisa Peace Vanessa Puig-Williams*	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Beth Parker Doug Sethness*	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	X
Joseph Pantalion Laurie Moyer*	<i>Municipalities</i>	*
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	Joined at 2:10pm
Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Ray Buck	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Gian Villarreal	<i>Small business</i>	X
Ronald Fieseler	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Joseph McDaniel	<i>Water utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent() / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Sue Reilly	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Jami McCool	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Kris Robles	General Land Office	X
Morgan White	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp Brittney Wortham-Teakell*	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Don Durden	Public	X
Suzanne Scott	Region 12 Liaison	X
Patrick Brzozowski	Region 10 Liaison	X

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **13**

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 15: **8**

Other Meeting Attendees:

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Ramiro Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Victor Castillo, GBRA (Purchasing Manager)

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Tiffany Cartwright

Adam Conner

Karen Ford

Natalie Johnson

Vamshi Konduru

Paula Jo Lemonds

Josh Logan

Krista Melnar

Tami Norton

Shelley Rappaport

Melissa Reynolds

Abe Salinas

Pratibha Sapkota

Jay Scanlon

Andrew Smith

Sam Vaugh

Christine Westerman

Daniel Zell

Matt Nelson

****Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the GoToWebinar meeting.**

All meeting materials are available for the public at: <http://www.guadalupeRFG.org>

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Doug Miller called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Lauren Willis called roll of the planning group members to record attendance and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Doug Miller welcomed members to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Doug Miller provided instructions for public comments.

1. Shelly Rappaport with the General Land Office (GLO) outreach team for the West Region of GLO combined River basin flood studies. One time study to evaluate flood risks, identify flood mitigation projects that strengthen resiliency and identify possible funding sources for projects.

Twenty-five Counties received the Presidential disaster declaration due to Hurricane Harvey. Counties in the Guadalupe basin include Bastrop, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Lavaca and Victoria. Three virtual information sessions will be held on Thursday, April 15th at 10am, Tuesday, April 20th and Wednesday, April 21st. For any questions, individuals may use GLOfloodstudies.west@recovery.texas.gov or reach out to Kris Robles.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Minutes from the March 3, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting

Doug Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by Bobby Christmas to approve the March 3, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting. Kimberly Meitzen seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates

Chairman Doug Miller did not have updates for the RFPG.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: TWDB Update/Presentation

Morgan White provided updates regarding the TWDB and the RFPG sponsor, GBRA.

1. The contract has been successfully executed between TWDB and GBRA.
2. GBRA to receive the initial 20% advance from TWDB.
3. The subcontract between the Technical consultant and GBRA will need to be reviewed by the TWDB.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Other Presentations

Laurie Moyer, City of San Marcos presented on the Flood Protection Efforts of the City of San Marcos.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion, evaluation and action concerning the technical consultant procurement for Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group.

a. Update and discussion of responses to the RFQ

Doug Miller stated that the Guadalupe RFPG received five proposals to the RFQ. Chairman Miller complemented the proposals, reviewed the scoring process and stated that four of the technical consultants were chosen to be interviewed.

b. Discuss a recommendation from the Executive Committee for the selection of a technical consultant

Doug Miller stated that the consulting firm that received the highest-ranking score is the one being recommended by the Executive Committee, Freese & Nichols. This consulting firm

has familiarity of the basin, ability to focus on Region 11, ability to manage RFPG expectations and to set a foundation for the future. Each Executive Committee team member (Ron Fieseler, Kimberly Meitzen, and Brian Perkins) gave their perspective on the decision of Freese & Nichols.

Doug Miller opened the floor for discussion or questions from RFPG members. Members asked questions about which consulting firm placed second and what consulting firms made up the full Freese & Nichols team. Members discussed the spread of the points between the consulting firms and mentioned that Freese & Nichols spent a lot of focus on collaborative efforts among different stakeholder groups.

- c. **Consider authorizing the Region 11 Sponsor to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm to provide technical consulting services with the development of a regional flood plan.**

A motion was made by Ron Fieseler to nominate Freese & Nichols as the Region 11 technical consultant and authorizes the Region 11 Sponsor, GBRA to negotiate a contract. Annalisa Peace seconded the motion. The vote passed by a vote of 12 Ayes, 0 Ayes and 1 Abstention.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update from RFPG Sponsor (GBRA)

Lauren Willis reiterated that GBRA and TWDB have a fully executed contract and the next steps are to develop the subcontract for the technical consultant (timeline 4-6 weeks). For the communication updated, GBRA has added the RFPG meetings to all social media accounts.

Doug Miller mentioned in June or July to go to an in person meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Doug Miller provided instructions for public comments. A public comment was submitted through the [guadalupeRFPG](#) website from Hunter Warren.

Comment: In San Antonio, we have a range of flood control measures, from underground tunnels to preserved floodplain. The preserved floodplain approach offers a body of water and mostly undisturbed natural lands accompanying it. These offer nature and recreation and are immensely popular with the community, even making the surrounding neighborhoods much more desirable. But then, some creeks have been converted into massive concrete ditches. These offer no benefit other than flood control, and are an eyesore and can be dangerous. No one wants to live next to these, and generally property values near them will demonstrate that. Preserving floodplain land for flood control is cheap and offers an incredible return on investment for the community. Building expensive flood infrastructure on the other hand, allows more development at a massive cost to the public and eliminates a community natural asset.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Doug Miller opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting.

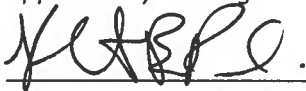
The RFPG discussed the possibility of the technical consultant's ability to discuss topics on schedule, data and outreach and the tentative presentation from Texas Living Waters was mentioned for the May meeting. The next meeting will be by May 5, 2021 at 2:00pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Brian Perkins made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bobby Christmas. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM by Doug Miller.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on 05/05/2021.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY



Doug Miller, CHAIR