

Meeting Minutes
Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
June 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex (905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155)

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Doug Miller Melissa Reynolds*	<i>Agricultural</i>	X
John Johnston	<i>Counties</i>	X
Lon Shell	<i>Counties</i>	X
Bobby Christmas	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	X
Annalisa Peace Vanessa Puig-Williams*	<i>Environmental</i>	
Beth Parker Doug Sethness*	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion Laurie Moyer*	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Ray Buck Don Durden*	<i>River Authorities</i>	*
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler	<i>Water Districts</i>	X
Joseph McDaniel	<i>Water Utilities</i>	

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent() / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Sue Reilly Beth Bendik*	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
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 Richard Bagans*	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	*
Joel Klumpp Brittney Wortham-Teakell*	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	
Suzanne Scott	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski	Region 10 Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Ramiro Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Tom Hegemier, Doucet & Associates

Sara Hustead, GLO

Melissa Reynolds, City of New Braunfels

Jonathan Stinson, GBRA

Bridget Hinze Weber, GBRA

All meeting materials are available for the public at: <http://www.quadalupeRFPG.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. No public comments were given.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting

Doug Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the June 2, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by Bobby Christmas to approve the June 2, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting. Joe Pantalione seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Chairman Doug Miller reviewed the content covered at the TWDB Chairs Conference call on June 23, 2021. An update was given on the contracts between the technical consultants and regional sponsors, lessons learned/concerns to date were discussed among the regional chairs, and TWDB staff reiterated that all groups can set up a meeting with the TWDB technical staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: TWDB Update/Presentation

Richard Bagans provided updates regarding the technical consultant and regional sponsor; the sub-contracts of the technical consultant no longer need to be approved by the TWDB. The TWDB is shifting from being in a management role into a resource role, and they continue to keep conversations open between the regional chairs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.

Jay Scanlon reviewed the process in which the RFPG will collect data; through public input, historic flooding, past drainage/flood studies, existing drainage infrastructure, low water crossing locations, proposed/ongoing flood mitigation projects, floodplain management practices and future growth plans.

An interactive tool is to be placed on the guadalupeRFPG.org website for stakeholders to upload data, take a survey and put data on a map. From the stakeholder input, the RFPG/FNI is looking for items such as existing data, models, studies, flood prone areas, projects in progress or future projects. Topics discussed for the interactive tool include being mobile app friendly, length of survey being open, using verbiage for a call for an intent to submit data by a predetermined date instead of deadline, and communicating that being in the Flood Plan allows for additional funding opportunities. An email blast will be sent out to stakeholders about the interactive website and FNI will continue to coordinate with the GLO and their survey. Discussion of a generic project email occurred for stakeholder outreach for a single point of contact.

Jay Scanlon presented a preliminary Flood Risk Map of existing flood risk data including the TWDB 'Quilt' data, TWDB Fathom data and local data. The public will have an opportunity to provide public comments on this map and will need to be finalized by January 2022. FNI is looking to find out from public if there is local data or local studies that provide information that is more accurate. The map will be presented to the public with 100 and 500-year inundation zones. FNI will give opportunities to local officials to comment on this base line data. Discussion of which layers to present to the public for the preliminary map occurred.

Tom Hegemier discussed the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), gave an overview of the Community Rating System (CRS) and introduced the RFPG to Flood Management/Mitigation Practices & Goals. In the setting of goals and practices, a balance of economic development and flood plain management will need to be taken into consideration. Discussion occurred between the RFPG members of the difference of a recommendation vs. a minimum standard and the funding implications of these.

Adam Conner discussed the pre-planning meeting for August 4th, introduction of the interactive tool, Blanton's interactive meeting tool and stakeholder outreach. GBRA and Blanton have created a one-page handout to be used for the public, the final version will be posted to the guadalupeRFPG.org website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Update from RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA)

Lauren Willis reminded the RFPG members to look at the survey and to provide any comments by July 14, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Doug Miller provided instructions for public comments. No public comments were given.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

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

The second pre-planning public input meeting will held on August 4, 2021, begin at 4pm with public comment after 5pm, be in-person and be located at the Wimberley Community Center. Blanton will create a press release that will be sent to all RFPG members and GBRA will distribute to through the appropriate communication channels.

John Johnston discussed the TAC legislative update conference and the potential for conflicts for the September meeting and mentioned the possibility of meeting dates in Victoria.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: 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 4:21 PM by Doug Miller.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on 08/04/2021.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY


Doug Miller, CHAIR