# **Meeting Minutes**

# Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting February 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM

# Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex (905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155)

or

# **GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting**

### **Roll Call:**

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)
John Johnston	Counties	X
Lon Shell	Counties	X
Bobby Christmas	Electric Generating Utilities	X
Annalisa Peace Vanessa Puig-Williams*	Environmental	X
Beth Parker Doug Sethness*	Flood districts	*
Kevin Stone	Industries	
Joseph Pantalion Laurie Moyer* John Espinoza**	Municipalities	X
Ken Gill	Municipalities	X
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	Public	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	River Authorities	х
Ray Buck Jonathan Letz*	River Authorities	
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	Small Business	X
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler	Water Districts	X
Steven Fonville	Water Utilities	

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)
Sue Reilly Beth Bendik*	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Jim Guin	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Jami McCool Kristin Lambrecht*	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	×
Kris Robles Teresa Williams*	General Land Office	x
Morgan White Ryke Moore*	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	х
Joel Klumpp Brittney Wortham-Teakell*	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	

Don Durden	Public	X
Suzanne Scott	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	X

#### Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 12

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

#### Other Meeting Attendees:

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)
Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols, Inc. Vanessa Escobar, Blanton & Associates

Ben Eldridge, Cibolo Center for Conservation

Humberto Ramos, CRWA

Summer Rohwedder, City of New Braunfels

Jeff Haeber, Jones Carter

Melissa Reynolds, City of Seguin

Michael Sharp, City of Seguin

Oscar Arevalo, City of Seguin John Nett, City of Buda

John Westbrook, City of Luling

Matt Nelson, TWDB Reem Zoun, TWDB

Kyle Burow, City of Kerrville

Laurie Moyer, City of San Marcos

John Espinoza, City of San Marcos Bobby Mengden, Pape-Dawson

Tom Hegemier, Doucet

Mary Ellen Schulle, Kendall County Richard Tobolka, Kendall County

Rachael Lindsey, Hill Country Conservancy

Laura Haverlah, H2O Partners Daniel Harris, Scheibe Consulting

Lisa McCracken Mairs, USACE

Jennifer Urban, DeWitt County DD#1

Omar Maldonado, GCGCD

Virginia Parker Monica Jacobs Kay Vincent Tami Norton

Ray Don Tilley

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#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Doug Miller called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Lauren Willis called roll of the planning group members to record attendance and a quorum was established.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Chairman Miller welcomed members to the meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes from the December 1, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting

Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the December 1 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by Bobby Christmas to approve the December 1, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates

Chairman Miller did not have any updates for the group.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Updates

Morgan White reviewed that the Technical Memo #1 was considered administratively complete and the notice to proceed to task 5 was sent. TWDB is reviewing the Technical Memo #1 in more depth to provide formal feedback by late Spring (April or May). The Contract Amendment No.1 is routing internally within TWDB and will be sent to GBRA by the March meeting. TWDB has scheduled one meeting, Chairs conference call on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be sending out a newsletter before the end of February.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates

Lauren Willis gave an update on changes made to the guadalupeRFPG.org website and gave an update on the progress of scheduling Dr. Troy Dorman to speak to the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Lauren Willis reviewed the administrative costs for FY22Q1 (September 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021).

A motion was made by Annalisa Peace to approve the administrative expenses for FY22Q1 for reimbursement. Bobby Christmas seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consider nominating and taking action electing RFPG Officers for 2022 (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and two members-at-large).

Doug Miller opened the floor to discussion and reviewed the individuals currently holding the RFPG Officers positions.

A motion was made by Doug Sethness to re-nominate and elect the officers currently serving as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and two members-at-large. Joe Pantalion seconded the motion. The vote passed by a vote of 12 Ayes, 0 Nays.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant voting position in the Flood Districts interest category.

Doug Miller opened the floor to discuss the vacant voting position in the Flood Districts interest category and reviewed the process for posting and interviewing.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.

Jay Scanlon overviewed the Agenda and the TWDB Process and Update. Vanessa Escobar, Blanton & Associates updated the RFPG on public participation & outreach and reviewed the summary of data/information received to date by the technical consultants. On the public comment tracking matrix, it was brought to the attention that Joe Pantalion is listed under the Public category instead on the Voting Members category. Gian Villarreal stated that other flood planning groups are using LinkedIn to promote participation and take public comments.

a. Discussion and potential action approving the Technical Memorandum No. 2 to be submitted to the TWDB by March 7, 2022.

Jay Scanlon discussed Technical Memorandum No.2 that focuses on presenting data (flood hazard zones), led an overview of the maps, and gave an update on the Dashboard for the Guadalupe basin. A motion was made by Ron Fieseler to approve the technical memorandum No. 2 subject to revisions based on comments that have been submitted for the ultimate submittal to the TWDB. Brian Perkins seconded the motion. The vote passed by a vote of 12 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Jay Scanlon gave an update on project Milestones.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2022 at 2:30pm and will be held in-person.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Doug Miller provided instructions for public comments. One public comment was received.

Mr. Ben Eldredge with the Cibolo Nature Center and Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation
 District spoke about the importance of natural infrastructure, specifically in the recharge zone.
 Would like for the RFPG members to consider the value of natural infrastructure with regards to
 future recommendations being made.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn

Ron Fieseler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bobby Christmas. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM by Doug Miller.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on March 30, 2022.

**Brian Perkins, SECRETARY** 

Doug Miller, CHAIR