

Meeting Minutes
Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
September 7, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Upper Guadalupe River Authority Auditorium (125 Lehmann Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028)

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>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness Jennifer Urban*	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion John Espinoza*	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Ray Buck Tara Bushnoe*	<i>River Authorities</i>	*
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler Ben Eldridge*	<i>Water Districts</i>	X
Steven Fonville	<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	X
Hollie Hischer Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Jami McCool Kristin Lambrecht*	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Kris Robles Teresa Williams*	General Land Office	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	X
Doris Cooksey	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 10

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Velma Danielson, Blanton & Associates

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Blanton & Associates

Jonathan Letz, Kerr County

Rosa, Lavender Hill Country Community Journal

Kurt Solis, Comfort Citizen

Shirley Solis Comfort Chamber

Kyle Burow City of Kerrville

Kelly, Kerr County

Scott Loveland, City of Kerrville

Amy Sinclair, Comfort Citizen

Mandy & Emmanuel Flatten, Comfort Citizen

Betty Murphy, Citizen

R. Murphy, Citizen

Doris & James Reeh, Citizen

Larry Luttrell, Assistant Fire Chief

T. Beck Gipson, Kerry County

Donald Jackson, Broker/Owner

Carly Farmer, City of New Braunfels

Charlie Hastings, Kerr County

Diane McMahon, UGRA

William B. Thomas

Roger D. Mathews, Kerrville Daily Times

Irene Van Winkle, West Kerr Current

Jose Morales, Hill Country Community Journal

Frank Chamberlain, Kendall County WCID #1

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 4:35PM. 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 July 27, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting

Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the July 27, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the July 27, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. John Johnston 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 RFPG.

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

Ryke Moore stated that TWDB staff is reviewing the Draft Plan that was submitted by Region 11.

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

Lauren Willis did not have any updates for the RFPG.

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

a. Discussion and possible action approving the list of Flood Mitigation Evaluations (FMEs) for Task 12.

Jay Scanlon reviewed Task 12 and the objectives to identify FMEs that can be turned into a Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs) for the amended plan. The list will be brought to the November 2, meeting. No action was taken on this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2022. A meeting will not be held in October.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Presentation: Overview of Regional Flood Planning Process and Draft Guadalupe Regional Flood Plan, Chairman Doug Miller and Jay Scanlan, PE, CFM, ENV-SP – Freese & Nichols

Chairman Miller welcomed members to the meeting and reviewed the planning process of the Region 11 RFPG. Jay Scanlan can an overview of the components making up the Draft Regional Flood Plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Public Input: The RFPG is soliciting public input regarding the Draft Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Plan (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(f) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.21(h)(3) (A, F)).

Chairman Miller reviewed the process for giving public comments and opened the floor to attendees. Two public comments were received by Betty Murphy and Emmanuel Flatten.

Betty Murphy:

- Planning group must consider the small towns.
- In 1978, Comfort was under water- 3 lives lost and millions of dollars of property damage.
- Nothing has been done to prevent a similar flood from happening again.
- If another flood happens, there will be a loss of 100 lives.
- Recommends that sensors (from USGS) should be installed in Cypress Creek in Comfort. These sensors could provide an early warning system for local officials to learn about a possible flood.
- USGS has determined the best location and determine the costs of a sensor.

Emmanuel Flatten:

- Something needs to be done in Comfort
- In 2011 he became President of the Comfort floodplain coalition.

- The issues are bifurcated – split between Kerr & Kendall counties with Comfort being an unincorporated town.
- This makes it hard to get things done. So, the solution must be approached on a regional level.
- As mentioned by the previous speaker, Comfort officials needs an early warning system.
- In 2016, Hwy 27 bridge, a woman drowned during the flood outside of his door.
- Volunteer fire department staff had no warning on the last flood. They need an early warning system.
- No cost/benefit analysis for human life. Pamphlets telling us to move to somewhere else.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Public general comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chairman Miller opened the floor for any additional public comments. One additional comment was received by Emmanuel Flatten.

- When they built the Hwy 27 bridge, a dam was created, which forces water to go around. This situation is what killed the woman in 2016. There are 2 dams In Comfort - a dam upstream and a dam downstream. These dams have led to the flooding in Comfort in 1978 and 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Doug Sethness made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Fieseler. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM by Doug Miller.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on November 2, 2022.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY


Doug Miller, CHAIR