

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**September 21, 2022 at 4:30 PM**

**The University of Houston-Victoria (UHV) Northwest Campus (1604 E. Airline Rd., Victoria, TX 77901)**

**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>	
Bobby Christmas	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	
Doug Sethness Jennifer Urban*	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion John Espinoza*	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Vacant	<i>River Authorities</i>	
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler Ben Eldridge*	<i>Water Districts</i>	X (arrived at 5:03pm)
Steven Fonville	<i>Water Utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent( )/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Sue Reilly Beth Bendik*	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Hollie Hischer Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Jami McCool Kristin Lambrecht*	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Kris Robles Shannon Longoria*	General Land Office	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	
Doris Cooksey	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

**Quorum:**

Quorum: No

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 7

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

Bruce Miller

Grace Renken

Rick McBryer, Victoria EMC

Kenneth Schustereit

Kenneth Eller, Victoria County Groundwater  
Conservation District (VCGCD)

Tim Andruss, VCGCD

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

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

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 4:32PM. Lauren Willis called roll of the planning group members to record attendance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome**

Chairman Miller welcomed members to the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: 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. 4: 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. Threes public comments were received by Marvin Bruce Miller, Grace Renken and Kenneth Schustereit.

Marvin Bruce Miller, Owner of Miller Appliance:

- For 46 years he's been battling the river water. While things have improved - not flooding property and business - there is one spot that still floods under the railroad tracks, which flows into the city drains and eventually into his property.
- Would want to have somebody talk to railroad company to plug the hole under the tracks.
- In 1998, when river rose 34 feet it washed the railroad tracks away and he had 4ft of flooding in his building.

Grace Renken, Renken's Nursey in Victoria:

- Purchased property in the 80's. She wanted to know when the last flood plain map was created.
- Drainage was put in and elevations taken. A corner of her property is in the floodplain. When TxDOT built an intersection near her property, the water drained away from her property in another direction. The TxDOT engineers eventually agreed with her.
- Therefore, Ms. Renken objected to the boundaries of the current flood plain map and would like to have the map corrected.

Kenneth Schustereit:

- His family has lived on the Guadalupe since 1939. Need to clean up the river channel will help the Guadalupe River basin. This is the most important thing to prevent flooding.
- Between Guadalupe and the San Antonio rivers lies a verdant cotton field. This land is now four feet of silt, where it is used to be 25,000 acres of agricultural land. This land is now out of production due to uncontrolled flooding. To clean out the silt from the river channel, Mr. Schustereit suggested to pull the plugs out of the river - the saltwater barrier, the dams in Goff and Hog Bayous, and the log jams. This will prevent the flooding.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Public general comments – limit 3 minutes per person**

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

- He has learned that if there is a repeat of the 1998 flood it will have worse effects. Since that flood, the amount of impermeable ground in the basin has increased resulting in greater flooding. It is mathematically indisputable, it will be a worse flooding. GBRA has promoted the growth in this basin.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Adjourn**

Doug Sethness made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by John Johnston. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 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