

Meeting Minutes

Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting

03/11/2025 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>
Vacant	<i>Agricultural</i>	
John Johnston Billy Jordan*	<i>Counties – Chair</i>	X
Doug Leacock	<i>Counties</i>	X
John Packard	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Matt Koone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalione Joe Ramos*	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Tara Bushnoe Shelby Taber*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Charlie Flatten	<i>Water Districts</i>	X arrived 2:07 PM
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	X
Fernando Perez Regan Middleton*	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
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
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	
Juan Sandoval	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

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

- Agenda Item #6 added Doug Leacock on as a voting member – Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act Training was not completed prior to the meeting.

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mary Newman, GBRA (Facilitator)

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Christine Blain, GBRA (Community Affairs)

Bill Barker (Great Springs Project)

David Guajardo, Green DeWitt Drainage District

Joyce Yannuzzi (Senator Donna Campbell's off)

Billy Jordan (DeWitt Co. Emerg. Management)

Matthew McGovern (Martindale City Council)

Dorothy McGovern (Public)

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Mary Newman called roll of the planning group members to record attendance and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Chairman Johnston welcomed members to the meeting

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of minutes from the January 28,2025 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Chairman Johnston opened discussion on approving the minutes from the January 28,2025 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Joe Pantalione made a motion was made to approve the minutes with the following amendments to the minutes correcting Joe Pantalione's alternate as Joe Ramos on the Roll Call Sheet and on Agenda Item No 15 – to fix a typo from Joe Baker should be changed to Bill Barker. Annalisa Peace seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

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

No updates were given by the Chair.

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

Chairman Johnston called on Cynthia Nolasco from TWDB. The following items were reviewed by Ms. Nolasco.

1. In February, TWDB sent out notice regarding two key resources: the buildings dataset and the infrastructure assessment toolkit. Both items are available on our TWDB Flood Planning webpage for review.

2. A February newsletter was also sent out which covered various topics such as TWDB Flood Planning staff updates, information obtaining BLE information, and updates to Exhibit C. The newsletter is also available on our website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion and potential action regarding the vacant voting position in the Counties interest category

1. Chair Johnston, reported that the Executive Committee met earlier today on the open Counties position to bring a recommendation to the board. There were two candidates interviewed. Billy Jordan from DeWitt County and Doug Leacock from Comal County.
2. Chair Johnston reported the Executive Committee has a split recommendation to bring before the board. The committee would like to recommend Doug Leacock for the Counties interest candidate.
3. Prior to voting, Chair, John Johnston reported on the interviews held earlier with the two applicants who appeared for their in-person interviews. He then opened the floor for other Executive Committee members to address the group with their thoughts on each applicant. Doug Sethness expressed how difficult it was to choose between the candidates because of the differences in their everyday jobs and experiences. Brian Perkins expressed his thoughts that both applicants were highly qualified and their differences were razor thin causing him to waver between the two. However, because we need representation from all counties on this committee and the lower basin counties are represented by a County representative already, he voted to recommend Mr. Leacock. Gian Villarreal weighed in on how important it is in having a member to bring new ideas to the table, being a voice in the community and possibly bring other elements to this committee such as educating the community on what this committee does.
4. The Committee's recommendation of Doug Leacock for the Counties Interest Candidate was brought before the group. On a motion by Brian Perkins and seconded by Gian Villarreal to accept the Committee's recommendation of electing Doug Leacock to be the County representative. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant voting position in the Agricultural interest category

Chairman Johnston reported that we have had one inquiry regarding the open voting position under Agriculture but no application has been officially submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates.

Brian Perkins reported there were no updates.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

No administrative expenses were presented at this time. Expenses will be provided at the May meeting. Brian Perkins has scheduled a meeting with Finance Department to discuss the proper way of tracking employees' time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion, evaluation and action concerning the Approval by the planning group to authorize Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority to execute an amendment to the contract with TWDB and to execute an amendment to the subcontract with Freese & Nichols to extend the interim submittal deadlines for the 2028 Regional Flood Plan.

1. Brian Perkins reported that there were some discussions amongst various consultants and planning groups with the Texas Water Development Board to not move any statutory deadlines but to extend some interim deliverables and move submittal deadlines to the 2028 plan.
2. Jay Scanlon reviewed the listing of items with dates changes with the group.
3. On a motion made by Tara Bushnoe to approve GBRA to Execute the amendment with the Water Development Board and subsequently with Freese and Nichols to incorporate the new dates. The motion was seconded by Steven Fonville, the group voted unanimously to approve.

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

1. Jay Scanlon presented a detailed overview of upcoming schedules, milestones and ongoing tasks with bullet points on each task 1 - 11.
2. Jay highlighted that the interactive map has now been posted on the GRFP website for anyone to post about flooding issues.
3. Selection of Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) for development of Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP) and Flood Mitigation Strategies (FMS).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 Discussion and potential action for preparation of 2023 Regional Flood Plan Amendment

1. On a motion made by Brian Perkins and seconded by Gian Villarreal to approve the adoption of the new proposed FMP amendment No.2, to the 2023 Regional Flood Plan taking the projects to 57 and authorize Freese and Nichols to submit it to the TWDB by April 1, 2025. Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

1. Tuesday, May 06, 2025 and June 24, 2025 for the following meeting to deal with upcoming term dates.
2. Traveling Meeting Location for Pre-planning Meeting target date set for September 16, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)


No public comments were requested to be made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Adjourn


Doug Sethness made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Perkins. The motion was approved by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM by Chairman Johnston.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFGP at a meeting held on May 06, 2025.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY



John Johnston, CHAIR

Gian Villarreal, PE, Vice Chair