##### Meeting Minutes

**Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting April 12, 2022**

##### 2:30 PM

##### Virtual Meeting

**Roll Call:**

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| **Voting Member** | **Interest Category** | **Present (x) /Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (\*)** |
| Jose "Joe" Angel Hinojosa | *Agricultural interests* | X |
| David A. Garza | *Counties* | X |
| Daniel Lucio, Jr. | *Electric generating utilities* | X |
| Hudson DeYoe | *Environmental interests* | X |
| David L. Fuentes | *Flood Districts* | X |
| Plinio Joey Trevino | *Industries* | X |
| Rene Estrada | *City of Combes* | X |
| Joe A. Califa/Laura Haley | *Public* | X |
| Jose Luis Caso | *Small business* | X |
| Sonia Lambert | *Water districts* | X |
| Riazul I. Mia | *Water utilities* |  |
| Eduardo Gonzalez | *Counties* |  |
| Raul Pena Jr | *Counties* |  |
| Alan Moore | *Flood districts* | X |
| Rene Estrada |  | X |

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| **Non-voting Member** | **Agency** | **Present(x)/Absent( )/ Alternate Present (\*)** |
| Willy Cupit | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department |  |
| Brian Hurtuk | Texas Division of Emergency Management |  |
| Nelda Barrera | Texas Department of Agriculture |  |
| Adrian Perez | Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board |  |
| Elijah Casas | General Land Office | X |
| David Ramirez | Tx Commission on Environmental Quality |  |
| Megan Ingram | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| Rick Herrera | Lower Rio Grande Development Council | X |
| Ramon Macias | USIBWC |  |
| Lupita Trinidad Ramos | South Texas Development Council |  |
| Nick Gallegos | Middle Rio Grande Development Council |  |
| Michelle Garcia | Middle Rio Grande Development Council |  |

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

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

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12: 15

**Other Meeting Attendees:**

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates

Sam Edwards, Halff & Associates

Lisa McCracken Mairs – USACE

Jonathan Prukop

Skyler Levrier

Andy Ernest

Yvette Barrera, PE, HCDD1

Jaime Salazar, HCDD1

Enriqueta Zambrano, HCDD1

Nora D Cavazos, HCDD1

Mike Kanto, HCDD1

##### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order and welcoming remarks

David Garza called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM.

##### AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call and establish quorum:

A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

##### AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Review of written public comments received:

No written public comments were received.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on March 9, 2022**

Correction on Item 7, $60,000 divided between Task 11 & Task 13, remove Task 1

A motion was made by Hudson Deyoe to approve minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by David L. Fuentes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and Update from the Texas Water Development Board.**

Megan Ingram notified the Board the 2nd technical memo was completed by March 7, 2022.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. For Clarification purposes: Contract Amendment will include $20,000 to Task 10 “Public Participation and Plan Adoption” for Planning Group Sponsor.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Approval and certification of administrative expenses incurred by the Planning Group Sponsor (HCDD1) for the development of the Regional Flood Plan.**

No expenses at this time, this will be a standing item.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 8: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant.**

* 1. **Task 3a**
  2. **Task 7**
  3. **Task 8**
  4. **Task 9**

Jonathan Prukop & Kristina Leal presented the tasks to the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 9: Introduction of Sub-Consultant RATES Inc. as it relates to Task 11**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3**

**Minutes per speaker)**

No General Public Comments were received.

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

Chairman Garza proposed next meeting for May 18, 2022 @ 2:30 PM

**AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M. A motion was made by David Fuentes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sonia Lambert. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

*Approved by the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held on March 9, 2022.*

**SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY**

**DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR**