

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting March 09, 2022
9:30 AM
Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

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

| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Willy Cupit | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| 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 | X |
| Megan Ingram | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| Rick Herrera | Lower Rio Grande Development Council | X |
| Ramon Macias | USIBWC | X |
| Lupita Trinidad Ramos | South Texas Development Council | X |
| 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: 11

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 11: 11

Other Meeting Attendees:

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates
Sam Edwards, Halff & Associates
Andy Ernest
Rick Carrera
Carlos Sanchez
Omar Anzaldua, PE, HCDD1
Yvette Barrera, PE, HCDD1
Jaime Salazar, HCDD1
Enriqueta Zambrano, HCDD1
Nora D Cavazos, HCDD1

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

David Garza called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

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

A motion was made by Jose Hinojosa to approve minutes The motion was seconded by Daniel Lucio. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

Board will provide comments regarding the Technical Memorandum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. Discussion as it relates to Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Liaison.

Riazul Mia was notified of his role as Region 14 Liaison.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and update of final negotiated Amendment No. 1 to TWDB Contract No. 2101792500 Regional Flood Planning Grant. As approved by RFPG on December 15, 2021;

The \$80,000 will be distributed to the below listed tasks:

Task 1 - \$20,000

Task 11 - \$30,000 for outreach

Task 13 - \$30,000

A motion was made by Rene Estrada. The motion was seconded by Joe Califa. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8: Discussion as it relates to the Certification of Administrative expenses.

As discussed, reimbursements will be brought before the Board before submitting to TWDB.

A motion was made by David Fuentes. The motion was seconded by Hudson Deyoe. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant.

- a. Review and approval of Technical Memo by Technical Consultant submitted on March 7, 2022.
- b. Discussions and update related to Task 5.
- c. Presentation of methodology for the development of the future conditions flood risk maps, as submitted to the TWDB for approval.

A motion was made by David Fuentes. The motion was seconded by Alan Moore. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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 April 7, 2022 @ 9:30 AM. Mr. Califa notified the Board that he would be out on this day.

AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Joe Hinojosa to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Daniel Lucio. 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