

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting January 19, 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>	
David L. Fuentes	<i>Flood Districts</i>	X
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	
Rene Estrada	<i>City of Combes</i>	X
Joe A. Califa	<i>Public</i>	
Jose Luis Caso	<i>Small business</i>	
Sonia Lambert	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Riazul I. Mia	<i>Water utilities</i>	
Eduardo Gonzalez	<i>Counties</i>	X
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
Bryan Hertek	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	
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: 8

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 7: 11

Other Meeting Attendees:

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates

Skyler LeVrier

Sam Edwards, Halff & Associates

Jaime Salazar, HCDD1

Enriqueta Zambrano

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 January 19, 2022

A motion was made by Sonia Lambert to approve minutes The motion was seconded by Joe Hinojosa. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

Megan Ingram updated the Board regarding the Technical Memorandum completeness before February 7, 2022. Texas Water Development Board will update Drainage District and Halff & Associates.

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

Riazul Mia was recommended by Joe Hinojosa for Region 14 Liason.

A motion was made by Joe Hinojosa to take on role of Region 14 Liason. The motion was seconded by Eduardo Gonzalez. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider nominating and electing RFPG Officers.

- a. Nominations for Chair by members
- b. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Chair
- c. Nominations for Vice Chair by members
- d. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Vice Chair
- e. Nominations for Secretary by Members
- f. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Secretary

Joe Hinojosa nominated David Garza to continue as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Sonia Lambert. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Sonia Lambert nominated David Fuentes to continue as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Eduardo Gonzalez. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Eduardo Gonzalez nominated Sonia Lambert to continue as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Joe Hinojosa. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8: Discussion and presentation of final negotiated Amendment No. 1 to TWDB Contract No. 2101792500 Regional Flood Planning Grant. As approved by RFPG on December 15, 2021; Agenda Item No. 7

Chairman Garza recommended to table the item. A motion was made by Joe Hinojosa to take NO Action. No second motion.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9: Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to prepare and present to the RFPG for approval a draft Request for Proposals for the additional planning scope of work, namely, tasks 11,12 and 13 and the hosting of the RFPG monthly meetings at various venues within Region 15.

No action taken on this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion, presentation, and approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement No. C-HCDD1-21-003-05-18, with Halff & Associates, Inc. for the Regional Flood Plan for Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, to reflect a revised exhibit C-1 – Project Team, adding Rates, Inc. as a new sub-consultant, as per Article 8 of the agreement (subject to final legal review).

No discussion by the Committee

A motion was made by Eduardo Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Joe Hinojosa. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant.

a. **Halff & Associates – Tasks 2A, 2B, 3A, and 4B.**

Kristina Leal, Skyler LeVrier and Sam Edwards, Halff & Associates presented to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3 Minutes per speaker)

No General Public Comments were received.

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

Chairman Garza proposed next meeting for February 23, 2022 @ 9:30 AM

AGENDA ITEM NO 14. Adjourn

A motion was made by Joe Hinojosa 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 January 19, 2022.



SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR