

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting May 19, 2023
9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Jose "Joe" Angel Hinojosa – Melissa Gonzalez (Proxy)	<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>	X
Joe A. Califa	<i>Public</i>	
Jose Luis Caso (Laura Haley)	<i>Small business</i>	X
Sonia Lambert	<i>Water districts</i>	
Raul Pena Jr (M. Adame)	<i>Counties</i>	
Alan Moore	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Rene Estrada	<i>City of Combes</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
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	
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: 9

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 9: 12

Other Meeting Attendees:

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates

Kara Smith

Jaime Salazar, HCDD1

Enriqueta Zambrano, HCDD1

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

David Garza called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on April 26, 2023.

A motion was made by Alan Moore to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Rene Estrada. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and action as appropriate – voting and non-voting members Terms of Office.

Jaime Salazar informed the Board that we received three nominations for voting members. Ernie Garcia (Counties) and Ernie Rosales (Water Utilities) were selected as voting members.

A motion was made by David Fuentes. The motion was seconded by Joey Trevino. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. Discussion and Update from the Texas Water Development Board.

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.

An Invoice for \$4,410.00 for legal expenditures.

A motion was made by Joe Califa to approve invoice. The motion was seconded by David Fuentes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Requesting approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 6 to the Professional Engineering Services Contract with Halff & Associates for Agreement No. C-HCDD1-21-003-05-18 “Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group” to reflect a revised period of service.

Motion was made by David Fuentes. The motion was seconded by Daniel Lucio. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

- a. Approval of submission of request to TWDB to use funds for Task 13 for amendment of the Regional Flood Plan.
- b. Approval of new FME, FMS, and FMPs
- c. Approval of new FMEs to study for inclusion as FMPs
- d. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 1, 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 5, 6A, 6B, 7, 9, and 10

Motion was made by David Fuentes. The motion was seconded by Rene Estrada. 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 Comments were received.

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

Will be scheduled at a later date.

AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned. A motion was made by Alan Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rene Estrada. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Approved by the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held on June 28, 2023.

SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR