

Meeting Minutes
Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
December 7, 2022 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>
Doug Miller Melissa Reynolds*	<i>Agricultural</i>	X
John Johnston	<i>Counties</i>	X
Lon Shell	<i>Counties</i>	X
Bobby Christmas	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness Jennifer Urban*	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion John Espinoza*	<i>Municipalities</i>	X (arrived at 2:15pm)
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Vacant	<i>River Authorities</i>	
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler Ben Eldridge*	<i>Water Districts</i>	X
Steven Fonville	<i>Water Utilities</i>	

<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
Hollie Hischer Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
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
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	X
Doris Cooksey	Region 12 Liaison	X (arrived at 2:09pm)
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 10

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Virginia Parker, SMRF

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Doug Letbetter, City of Schertz

Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Roland Ruiz, EAA

Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Duke Altman, Doucet

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Blanton & Associates

Carly Farmer, City of New Braunfels

James Blount, TDEM

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Lauren Willis called roll of the planning group members to record attendance and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Chairman Miller welcomed members to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of minutes from the November 2, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the November 2, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made Ron Fieseler to approve the November 2, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. Doug Sethness seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Chairman Miller reviewed the following items: (1) selection of officers for 2023 will occur at the January 4th meeting, an email was sent by Brian Perkins, (2) one application was received for the River Authority open position by Tara Bushnoe with UGRA, (3) Gian Villarreal gave a presentation at the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Natural Resource meeting, and (4) City of New Braunfels is in the process of updating their master drainage plan.

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

Ryke Moore reviewed the following items: (1) TWDB is looking forward to receiving the final plan in January and (2) TWDB staff is reviewing the invoice submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates

Lauren Willis did not have any updates for the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Lauren Willis reviewed the administrative costs for FY23Q1 (September 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022).

A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the administrative expenses for FY23Q1 for reimbursement. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion and potential action regarding budget memorandum No.2 to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board.

Lauren Willis reviewed the changes being made to the budget with Tasks 6B, 8, 9 and 11 having a change greater than 35%. A correction was also stated that this is budget memorandum No. 1 not No. 2. Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the budget memorandum No.1.

A motion was made Doug Sethness to approve budget memorandum No. 1 to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. Kimberly Meitzen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.

Jay Scanlon overviewed the agenda, reviewed the comments received by the public on the draft, and reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

a. Discussion and potential action approving the list of Flood Mitigation Evaluation (FME) and Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) tables.

Jay Scanlon reviewed newly identified FMEs and reclassified FMPs. Newly identified projects include: Technical Study to Enhance Great Springs Project Regional Flood Mitigation, City of Victoria WWTP Protection, City of San Marcos McKie Street at Willow Springs, City of San Marcos South LBJ Drive at Willow Springs, Dewitt County Drainage District Cuero Levee, Kendall County Guadalupe River Model Study, and Kendall County Stream Gauges and Flood Hazard Beacons. Reclassified projects from FMPs include: City of New Braunfels Wood Road/Landa Street Drainage, City of Kerrville Spring Street Project, City of Kerrville Clay Street Drainage and Kroc Center Detention Pond, and City of Kerrville Coronado Drive and Junction Highway Drainage.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion of approving the updated Flood Mitigation Evaluation (FME) and Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) tables.

A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the updated FME and FMP tables and the motion was seconded by Annalisa Peace. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

b. Discussion and potential action approving additional recommendations to Chapter 8: Legislative, Administrative, and Regulatory Recommendations.

Jay Scanlon reviewed four possible updates to Chapter 8 within the Legislative recommendations.

1. Change the legislation pertaining to Drainage Districts to allow the expansion of the authorized area of the Drainage District, specifically DeWitt County Draining District No. 1, to expand to the watershed boundaries, instead of the current restriction to city.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the change in legislative recommendation pertaining to Drainage Districts to allow the expansion of the authorized area of the Drainage District, specifically DeWitt County Draining District No. 1, to expand to the watershed boundaries and the motion was seconded by Annalise Peace. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

2. Modify funding rules to identify Drainage Districts as qualified entities for receipt of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Action Plan funding.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the change in legislative recommendation to Modify funding rules to identify Drainage Districts as qualified applicants for receipt of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Action Plan and the motion was seconded by Brian Perkins. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

3. Clarify legislation that provides counties the authority to regulate floodplains to explicitly allow and encourage activities associated with floodplain management such as development of land use plans and regulatory authorities such as permitting.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Joe Pantalione to approve the change in legislative recommendation to clarify legislation that provides counties the authority to regulate floodplains to explicitly allow and encourage activities associated with floodplain management such as development of land use plans and regulatory authorities such as permitting and the motion was seconded by Ron Fieseler. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

4. Non-regulatory regional flood control or drainage districts should be established and funded for rapidly growing urban areas.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was not made.

An administrative recommendation for FEMA to find a better way to track flood losses outside of flood claims was made. Doug Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Annalisa Peace to approve the administrative recommendation for FEMA to find a better way to track flood losses outside of flood claims and the motion was seconded by Lon Shell. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

- c. **Discussion and possible action approving the list of Flood Mitigation Evaluations for Task 12.**

Jay Scanlon reviewed one FME, City of San Marcos McKie Street at Willow Springs to be added to the list for Chapter 12.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion of approving the additional FME. A motion was made by Ron Fieseler to approve the additional FME and the motion was seconded by Kimberly Meitzen. The motion was passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th at 2pm at the GBRA River Annex – 905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Chairman Miller would like the RFPG to take a photo at the January 4th meeting. Doris Cooksey gave an update on the Region 12 San Antonio Flood Planning Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Doug Sethness made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Perkins. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM by Doug Miller.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on January 4, 2023.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY



Doug Miller, CHAIR