

# REGION 7

## UPPER BRAZOS

Regional Flood Planning Group

Meeting Minutes  
 March 18, 2021 at 10:00AM  
 Zoom Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Michael Keenum (Chair)	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Dale Spurgin	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Jennifer Davidson	<i>Counties</i>	X
Richard Blake Moore	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	X
Richard Oller	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Erin C. Stiggins	<i>Industries</i>	X
Ken Rainwater	<i>Public</i>	X
Michael McClendon	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Kyle Jacobson	<i>Small business</i>	X
Chris Wingert	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Aubrey A. Spear	<i>Water utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Jennifer Bronson Warren	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	*
Brian Hurtuk	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Carol Faulkenberry	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Jake Foote	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	*
Jet Hays	General Land Office	X
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board	X
Kelly Cook	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 11: 6

Other Meeting Attendees: \*\*

Kimberly Horndeski (TPWD)	Mark Evans, F&N
Morgan White, TWDB	Heather Ferrara, F&N
Pam Hannemann, Brazos River Authority	Holly Ahumada, F&N
Reem Zoun, TWDB	Cory Shockley, HDR
Aaron Abel, Brazos River Authority	Cris Parker, HDR
Scott Rushing	Curtis Bietel, HDR
Heather Keister, F&N	Jenna Rao, HDR

Alan Greer, F&N	Scott Hibbs, HDR
Ben Pylant, Halff F&N	Susan Roth, HDR
Kirt Harle, F&N	Cory Shockley, HDR
Scott Hibbs, HDR	Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR
Susan Roth, HDR	Kelly Davila
Rene Franks, HDR	Piata Bryant

**Agenda:**

**1. Call to Order**

Region 7 meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Keenum at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Welcome & Roll Call**

**3. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person**

No comments received in advance and no member of the public was present to make comments.

**4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.**

Dale Spurgin made a motion to approve previous minutes as written. Blake Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. TWDB Update**

Ryke Moore updated the group on recent TWDB activities. Mr. Moore explained pending contract will be released for execution soon and urged the group make note that contract language is changing and all updated documents and guidance material are available on TWDB website.

**6. Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Status of public website (required per §361.21(b)).**

Kelly Davila reminded the UBFPG that SPAG requires an executed contract with TWDB prior to executing a contract with the selected Technical Consultant. Ms. Davila showed the newly launched UBFPG website. Chris Wingert will submit additional pictures to be added to the website.

**7. Consider Statement of Qualification proposals**

- a. Freese & Nichols
- b. HDR

Both firms presented their Statement of Qualification proposals to the UBFPG for consideration and answered follow-up questions from RFPG members.

**8. ACTION ITEM: Select a technical consultant for Region 7 – Upper Brazos RFPG**

A discussion ensued on the advantages and disadvantages of both firms regarding firm's availability, outreach and approach to the planning. Chris Wingert motioned to select Freese & Nichols as UBFPG's technical consultant. The UBFPG members agreed both firms were very capable and either choice would be a serve the region well. Jennifer Davidson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion: Preplanning meeting requirement

Ryke Moore suggested we review emails that have been sent by TWDB to the region regarding pre-planning meeting requirements and add it to our next agenda.

10. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person

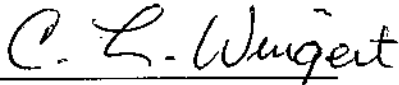
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10. Adjourn

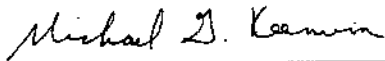
Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

*Approved by the Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG at a meeting held on April 15, 2021.*



Chris Wingert, SECRETARY



Michael Keenum, CHAIR