

REGION 7

UPPER BRAZOS

Regional Flood Planning Group

July 15, 2021

10:00 a.m.

In-person/Virtual Meeting

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

<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 (Virtual)
Carol Faulkenberry	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Jake Foote	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Jet Hays	General Land Office	X (Virtual)
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board	X (Virtual)
Kelly Cook	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X (Virtual)

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **8**

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

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Heather Keister, FNI	Liz Grindstaff, FNI
Wade Barnes, FNI	Kelly Davila, SPAG
Kirt Harle	Piata Bryant, SPAG

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
The Upper Brazos RFPG meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. due to technical difficulties with the virtual set-up.
2. Welcome & Roll Call
3. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
No members of the public appeared to make comments.
4. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of minutes – June
Chris Wingert motioned to approve the minutes as written. Erin Stiggins seconded the motion. The June minutes were approved as written by the RFPG by unanimous vote.
5. TWDB Update
Ryke Moore reiterated to the RFPG that certain open meeting requirements will terminate on September 1, 2021 and the group must comply with open meetings provisions. Additionally, Ryke Moore also discussed more funding may become available September 1, 2021 and may be made available to enhance the regional flood plans.
6. Presentation: Flood Planning Process – Ryke Moore, TWDB
7. Pre-Planning Public Input: The RFPG is soliciting public input regarding suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered during the flood planning cycle and/or input on the development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(d) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(4)).
No member of the public appeared to make comments on the flood planning process.
8. Planning Group Sponsor Update - SPAG
 - a. Financial report
 - b. Other updates
9. Technical Consultant Update – Freese & Nichols
Wade Barnes (FNI) and Kirt Harle (Jacob & Martin) discussed outreach and data collection efforts and requested feedback from the group. Kirt Harle will develop a list of specific questions to be sent to the group to assist in their progression. Heather Keister advised the RFPG the survey from TWDB requesting RFPG's input regarding additional funding has been completed and submitted to TWDB within the deadline.
10. Adjacent RFPG Liaison Report – Michael McClendon
No report was available at this time.
11. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person
No member of the public appeared to make comments.
12. New/other business
The RFPG discussed meeting place options for the next meeting – WCTCOG, Jacob & Martin and West Central Texas Municipal Water Districts. The next meeting will be held in person at SPAG with a virtual option.
13. Adjourn
The Upper Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Public Comment: Citizens may address the Planning Group concerning an issue of interest that is posted on the agenda for the meeting. All Public Comments shall be taken at the Chairman’s discretion under the following guidance:

- a) All individuals desiring to make oral public comment may submit requests to the “Public Comment Sign-in Sheet” at least 5 minutes prior to start of meeting and should identify himself/herself before providing his/her Public Comment;
- b) Members of the public who wish to provide oral or written comments during designated portions of the meeting may do so by signing up in advance or attending a scheduled meeting. Please contact pbryant@spag.org or at 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79412.
- c) Written comments may be submitted prior to and after the meeting to pbryant@spag.org or kdavila@spag.org or at 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79412
- d) All Public Comments shall be made in relation to the posted agenda item, unless otherwise decided at the discretion of the Chairman; and
- e) Each speaker will receive three minutes and no portion of a speaker’s allotted time may be given (assigned, relinquished, donated) to another speaker.

Note: Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than set forth. Additional information about this meeting is available by contacting Kelly Davila or Piata Bryant at the South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721 or in person at 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79412.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice complies with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041 (Notice of Meeting Requirements); Section 551.043 (Time and Accessibility of Notice Requirements); and Section 551.053 (Notice of Requirements of a Political Subdivision Extending into Four or More Counties). The notice has been filed at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting with the Office of the Texas Secretary of State, and posted on the website Texas Water Development Board at twdb.org

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Thereafter pursuant to such Proclamation and in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Governor of Texas temporarily suspended various provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, regarding the conduct of meetings of governmental entities effective as of March 16, 2020. Pursuant to such Proclamation and temporary suspension, the Upper Brazos – Region 7 RFPG December Meeting will be conducted by video conference.