

# REGION 7 UPPER BRAZOS

Regional Flood Planning Group

**October 28, 2021 Hybrid Meeting  
2:00 PM**

<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>	
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
Michael McClendon	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Kyle Jacobson	<i>Small business</i>	
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	X
Brian Hurtuk	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
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: **7**

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

**Other Meeting Attendees: \*\***

Heather Keister, FNI	Pam Hannemann
Wade Barnes, FNI	Peyton Lisenby
Holly Ahumada, FNI	Piata Bryant, SPAG
Jennifer Worthington	Courtney McNeely, SPAG
Kirt Harle, Jacob & Martin	
Pam Hannemann	
Erika Nordstrom, Halff	
Marita Moya	

## Agenda:

1. Call to Order  
Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG was called order at 2:05 P.M
2. Welcome & Roll Call
3. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person  
No member of the public appeared to make public comment.
4. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of minutes – September meeting  
RFPG members approved the meeting minutes from September.  
Chris Wingert motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Erin Stiggins.  
The motion passed unanimously.
5. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff, Ryke Moore  
Ryke Moore informed members that they have sent out drafts of contract agreements and that they are hosting a contract webinar on November 2, 2021 at 1:00p.m.
6. Update from SPAG staff, Kelly Davila
  - a. Financial report
  - b. Other updates
7. **ACTION ITEM:** Consider the approval and certification of the finance report expenditures  
Erin Stiggins moved to approved and certify the financial report expenditures. Chris Win seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Region 8 RFPG Liaison Report - Michael McClendon  
Michael McClendon updated the members on the October Region 8 Meeting where they agreed on recommendation of minimum standards. Region 8 sub-divided the basin into 4 different regions (upper, middle, Brazos, and coastal)
9. Update from Freese & Nichols team
  - a. General Schedule updates
  - b. Task 1: Data Collection update
  - c. Task 2: Flood Risk update
  - d. Task 3: Floodplain Management Goals update
  - e. Task 4: Needs Analysis update
  - f. Discussion
10. **ACTION ITEM:** Consider the approval of Task 3b Floodplain Management Goals  
Chris Wingert moved to approve Task 3b floodplain management goals. Dr. Kevin Rainwater second the motion. The motion carried unanimously
11. Chair Michael Keenum called for a 3–5-minute break.  
Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG Meeting stopped at 3:52 P.M.
12. Call to Order  
Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG was called back to order 3:57 P.M.
13. Update from Freese & Nichols team
  - a. General Schedule updates
  - b. Task 1: Data Collection update
  - c. Task 2: Flood Risk update
  - d. Task 4: Needs Analysis update
  - e. Discussion

14. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person

No member of the public appeared to make public comment.

15. New/other business

The RFPG requested an additional Doodle Poll be sent to the group to determine the next meeting date. Judge Dale Spurgin reminded the group about the Brazos Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBRASC) currently seeking nominations to continue the task for environmental flow strategies for the Brazos River Basin.

16. Adjourn

RFPG meeting was adjourned at 4:15 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 [cmcnelly@spag.org](mailto:cmcnelly@spag.org) or at 1323 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, TX 79412.
- c) Written comments may be submitted prior to and after the meeting to [cmcneely@spag.org](mailto:cmcneely@spag.org) or [kdavila@spag.org](mailto:kdavila@spag.org) or at 1323 58<sup>th</sup> 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 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, TX 79412.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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***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.***