

REGION 7 UPPER BRAZOS

Regional Flood Planning Group

December 15, 2022 Hybrid Meeting
12:00 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>	X- Zoom
Richard Oller	<i>Environmental interests</i>	
Erin C. Stiggins	<i>Industries</i>	X- ZOOM
Dr. Ken Rainwater	<i>Public</i>	X
Michael McClendon	<i>River authorities</i>	X- ZOOM
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
Erika McDowell	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Carol Faulkenberry	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Jack Foote	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X- Zoom
Jet Hays	General Land Office	
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: **8**

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

Heather Keister FNI	Kelly Davila, SPAG
Audrey Giesler	Courtney McNeely, SPAG
Holly Ahumada FNI	Natalie Davis
Paula Jo Lemonds- HDR	Stephanie Griffin

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order
Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG was called to order at 1:03 P.M.
2. Welcome & Roll Call
3. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
No member of the public appeared to make a public comment
4. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of November minutes
Chris Wingert motioned November minutes be approved with minor corrections to item # 6 and table added for FME on item # 10 seconded by Dr. Ken Rainwater. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff, Ryke Moore
Ryke congratulated the group for getting to the adopting and approval of the flood plan. Great accomplishment especially on the timeframe that was given to Region 7. Ryke reminded the group that the first meeting of 2023 the group must have officer elections. Ryke believed that the payment request that was submitted should be approved soon.
6. Region 8 RFPG Liaison Report - Michael McClendon
Micheal updated the group on region 8. Region 8 had met and approved and adopted the plan. Their next meeting was in January and they would be electing officers.
7. Update from SPAG staff, Kelly Davila
 - a. Financial report
 - b. Other updates
8. **ACTION ITEM:** Consider the approval and certification of the finance report expenditures
Dale Spurgin moved to approve and certify the financial report and expenditures. Jennifer Davidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Update from Freese & Nichols team
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** Consider to approve submittal of the Final Regional Flood Plan with proposed revisions to address TWDB and public review comments.
 - i. Draft Plan Download: <https://files2.freese.com/link/OGNePJegOknV6ADiSyuN6T>
Chris Wingert motioned to adopt and approve submittal of the Final Regional Flood Plan to the TWDB. Aubrey Spear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Task 11 Outreach Update
 - c. Task 12 Update
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Consider the approval of the Budget Change Amendment to reallocate remaining budget on Tasks 1-9 to Task 10, 12, and 13 for Final and Amended Regional Flood Plan preparation.
No Action was taken



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10. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person

No member of the public appeared to make a public comment

11. New/other business

Group decided that next RFPG meeting for region 7 would be April 13th, 2023.

Aubrey Spear shared that Kyle Jacobson would be moving to Ft. Worth. Dale Spurgin shared the Brazos River associated bay and estuary system stakeholder committee (BBASC) has 4 vacancies and are accepting nominations.

12. Adjourn

Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG was adjourned at 1:13PM

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 cmcneely@spag.org or at 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79412.
- c) Written comments may be submitted prior to and after the meeting to cmcneely@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 Courtney McNeely 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

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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.

Approved by the Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG at a meeting held on April 13, 2023

Chris Wingert, SECRETARY

Mike Keenum, CHAIR