

REGION 7 UPPER BRAZOS

Regional Flood Planning Group

April 13, 2023 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- Zoom
Jennifer Davidson	<i>Counties</i>	X
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- Zoom
Kyle Jacobson	<i>Small business</i>	
Chris Wingert	<i>Water districts</i>	X-Zoom
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	
Linay Williams	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Jack Foote	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
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	Ella Pettichord- Abilene
Audrey Giesler- HALFF	Courtney McNeely, SPAG
Holly Ahumada FNI	Natalie Davis
Paula Jo Lemonds- HDR	Stephanie Griffin
David Smith - HALFF	Murphy Parks- FNI
Brian Barboza- City of Knox City	Marie Rieger- Lubbock Chamber of Commerce

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order
Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG was called to order at 12:02 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. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff, Ryke Moore
Ryke updated the group on member term limits. The term limits will be decided at next Region 7 Meeting. Member terms will be 2 or 5 years. Ryke informed the group about upcoming ranking webinar.
5. Region 8 RFPG Liaison Report - Michael McClendon
Michael had no updates.
6. Update from SPAG staff, Kelly Davila
 - a. Financial report
 - b. Other updates
7. **ACTION ITEM:**
 - a. Approval of December minutes
Erin Stiggins motioned December minutes be approved with minor corrections to reflect Jennifer Davidson as present seconded by Dr. Ken Rainwater. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Consider the approval and certification of the finance report expenditures
Aubrey Spear moved to approve and certify the financial report and expenditures. Jennifer Davidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Nominations and Election of FY 2023 UBRFPG Officers.
Jennifer Davidson nominated and motioned for Mike Keenum to continue to serve as **Chair** for region 7 UBRFPG seconded by Erin Stiggins. The motion passes unanimously.
Erin Stiggins nominated and motioned for Dale Spurgin to continue to serve as **Vice Chair** for region 7 UBRFPG seconded by Dr. Ken Rainwater. The motion passes unanimously.
Dr. Ken Rainwater nominated and motioned for Chris Wingert to continue to serve as **Secretary** for region 7 UBRFPG seconded by Aubrey Spear. The motion passes unanimously.
Jennifer Davidson nominated and motioned for Aubrey Spear to continue to serve as **Member at Large** for region 7 UBRFPG seconded by Erin Stiggins. The motion passes unanimously.

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- d. Discussion on filling vacancy for small business category (voting member), possible action on adding another member to the Region 7 UBRFPG.
Region 7 members decided to table adding another member to the group at this time. Nomination packets will be sent out April 14th to county clerk and posted to region 7 website for nomination in small business category. Nominations will be due May 15th to Courtney McNeely at SPAG.
8. Update from Freese & Nichols team
 - a. Dam Projects Update
 - b. Task 12 FME Updates
 - c. Ranking Methods Updates
 - d. TWDB comments on Final plan
 - e. **ACTION ITEM:** Consider the approval of the Budget Change Amendment to reallocate remaining budget on Tasks 1-11 to Task 12 and 13 for Final and Amended Regional Flood Plan preparation.
NO ACTION NEEDED
9. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person
No member of the public appeared to make a public comment
10. New/other business
Next Region 7 Meeting to June 29th at 12:00pm, Location to be determined.
11. Adjourn
Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG was adjourned at 2:20PM

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



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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.

Approved by the Region 7 Upper Brazos RFPG at a meeting held on June 29, 2023

Chris Wingert, SECRETARY

Dale Spurgin, Vice Chair