**xMeeting Minutes**

**Region 12 San Antonio Flood Planning Group Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Voting Member** | **Interest Category** | **Present (x) /Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (\*)** |
| Vacant | *Agricultural interests* |  |
| David Wegmann | *Counties* | x |
| Doris Cooksey | *Electric generating utilities* | x |
| Deborah (Debbie) Reid | *Environmental interests* | x |
| Nefi M. Garza | *Flood districts* | x |
| Cara C. Tackett | *Industries* | x |
| Jeffrey Carroll | *Municipalities* | x |
| John Paul Beasley | *Public* | x |
| Suzanne B. Scott | *River authorities* | x |
| Steve Gonzales | *Small business* | x |
| David Mauk | *Water districts* | x |
| Steve Clouse | *Water utilities* | x |

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| **Non-voting Member** | **Agency** | **Present(x)/Absent( )/ Alternate Present (\*)** |
| Marty Kelly | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | x |
| Natalie Johnson | Texas Division of Emergency Management |  |
| Jami McCool | Texas Department of Agriculture |  |
| Jarod Bowen | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board |  |
| Kris Robles | General Land Office | x |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | x |
| Susan Jablonski | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality |  |

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **10**

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12: 7

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.1: ROLL CALL**

Caitlin Heller, San Antonio River Authority, called the role and confirmed a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON**

No public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING (REGION 12)**

Chair Garza proposed to move the approval of the meeting minutes to next meeting due to administrative issues.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.4: COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)**

Mr. Bagans thanked planning group members for their participation in Region 12 and introduced Anita to the group as she will be the Region 12 point of contact.

Mr. Bagans gave an update on the Regional Flood Planning Grant application and stated they are in the process of reviewing the applications and hope to get them under contract before March 31st. Mr. Bagans stated the sponsors can hosting request for qualification for a technical Consultant so that subcontracts can be executed after the grant contract is executed.

Mr. Bagans informed the group that the Region 12 website is live and agenda can be posted on it.

Mr. Bagans gave an update that the guidance document is forthcoming in the next couple of weeks and will be post for public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.5: CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Garza an overview of the schedule and deadlines to keep things moving forward.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.6: SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY PRESENTATION OF AVAILABLE FLOOD DATA**

Chair Garza asked to post-pone the presentation to the next meeting as the presenter was unavailable.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.7: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING VACANT AGRICULTURE INTERESTS REPRESENTATION**

Mr. Wegmann gave an update on the discussion the executive committee had on the candidate that was nominated and reopening the position and the recommendation from the executive committee was to reopen the position.

Chair Garza clarified that the executive committees recommendation was to reopen the position and that would require a vote. Mr. Wegmann moved to approve the recommendation and Mr. Beasley second the motion. The vote was passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.8: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF REGION 12 REGIONAL LIAISONS**

Ms. Heller informed the group that the Texas Water Development Board requires that regional flood planning groups designate a voting or nonvoting of their flood planning group to serve as a liaison with an upstream or downstream region that serves on a coastal region. The group has Region 10, 11, and 13 and the role and responsibilities would be to simply attend the meeting od your adjacent region and learn the information and share it with your region. The nominations are Ms. Tackett for Region 10, Ms. Scott for Region 11, and Mr. Mauk for Region 13.

Mr. moved to approve the nominations and Mr. Clouse second the motion. The vote was passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.9: UPDATE ON APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GRANT FUNDS**

Ms. Heller gave an update on the Application for Flood Planning Grant Funds. The Application was submitted by the San Antonio River Authority and it has been accepted by the Texas Water Development Board. The RFQ has been sent to the Chair for final approval and then it will be out on notice.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.10: PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON**

No public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.11: POTENTIAL DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Ms. Heller informed the group that the next meeting is April 20, 2021 at 9:00am and this has not been determined if this will in-person or virtual as it will depend on Governor Abbott’s open meeting act.

Ms. Scott mentioned that the timeline for the RFQ posting would impact the schedule. Ms. Heller said she will send out a doodle poll with date that fit into the notice schedule timeline.

Ms. Heller informed the group that we are required to have pre-planning meeting per the Texas Water code. She will create an example agenda and potential date and present them at the next Group meeting. Mr. Bagans informed the group that these meeting can wait till there is a technical consultant on board, there is no defined schedule of when to have these meeting. Chair Garza suggested that the pre-planning meeting be an agenda item during the standard Planning meeting due to scheduling.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.12: ADJOURN**

Non-Agenda items:

1-Chair Garza discussed the website and posting information on the website. He asked the group to please share the website with the public. Ms. Tackett asked if there will be a link on the River Authority website that will take the public to the planning group site. It was discussed that if can be put on the River Authority, City and County main page.

Ms. Scott said that we could create a email list that we can sent information out to as its being posted on the website to be proactive

2-Chair Garza ask about the status on the RFQ and where we are at with the process. Mr. Mast gave an update on the RFQ as we are in cooperating comments from the executive committee and Chair Garza. It is the intent to have the RFQ posted 30 days and then get the responses to the executive committee in order to make a recommendation to the full group.