

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**April 15, 2021**  
**2:00PM**  
**CISCO WebEx Virtual Meeting**

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Russ A. Poppe	<i>Chair, Flood Districts</i>	X
Alia Vinson	<i>Vice Chair, Water Districts</i>	X
Alisa Max	<i>Secretary, Counties</i>	X
Gene Fisseler	<i>At-Large, Public</i>	X
Matthew Barrett	<i>At-Large, River Authorities</i>	X
Elisa Macia Donovan	<i>Agricultural Interests</i>	X
Jenna Armstrong	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Paul E. Lock	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	X
Sarah P. Bernhardt	<i>Environmental Interests</i>	X
Stephen Costello	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Timothy E. Buscha	<i>Industries</i>	X
Todd Burrer	<i>Water utilities</i>	

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Bill Adams	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Joel Clark	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Colleen Jones	General Land Office	X Alternate
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board	X Alternate
Kelly Mills	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Jeff Taebel	Houston-Galveston Area Council	X
Ellie Alkhoury	Texas Department of Transportation	X Alternate
Tom Heidt	Port Houston	
Michael Turco	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	
Brandon Wade	Region H	

<u>Liaisons</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos	
Todd Burrer	Trinity Region	
Timothy Buscha	Neches Region	X
Michael Turco	Lower Brazos	

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: 11

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

Alfred Garcia  
Andres Salazar  
Andy Palermo  
Brooke Bacuetes  
Clarissa Perez  
Cory Stull  
Craig Maske  
Elie Alkhoury  
Fatima Berrios  
Hector Olmos  
James Bronikowski  
Jill Boullion

Kena Ware  
Maggie Puckett  
Matt Lopez  
Michael Keck  
Michael Reedy  
Reem Zoun  
Reid Mrsny  
Richard Bagans  
Robert Kosar  
Scott Elmer  
Unknown Caller: 2

**\*\*Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information on the GoToWebinar meeting.**

*All meeting materials were available for the public at:*

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Poppe, Chair of the SJRFPG, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and welcomed all attendees.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome and Roll Call**

Ms. Max, Secretary of the SJRFPG, took roll call and a quorum was established.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items 4 (limit of 3 minutes per person)**

No registered Public comments were received.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and possible action on the selection of the technical consultant to carry out the regional flood plan for SJRFPG Region 6.**

Ms. Max stated that the Consultant Selection Committee recommended selection of a team led by Freese and Nichols (FNI) as the technical consultant to carry out the SJRFPG Regional Flood Plan. She described the process the Planning Group Sponsor took to select the technical consultant and indicated that three firms had submitted statement of qualifications (SOQ): Freese and Nichols, Moffatt and Nichol, and Walter P Moore.

Ms. Max then explained the selection criteria and the reasons for the selection.

Cory Stull, the FNI project manager, then introduced himself. He stated his background in flood planning, feasibility studies, transportation, policy, ecosystem restoration and flood mitigation projects. He stated FNI had successfully completed 40 Regional Water Plans on time and within budget, and ensured the SJRFPG Regional Flood Plan would be personalized to the SJRFPG.

Mr. Poppe asked if Harris County Commissioners Court had approved the authorization to negotiate a contract with FNI, and Ms. Max stated it had been approved.

Mr. Buscha moved to approve selection of the FNI team. Mr. Fisseler seconded the motion. All voting members voted in favor of the motion, except Ms. Bernhardt who abstained from voting, thus the motion carried.

Ms. Bernhardt stated she had a conflict of interest with FNI. Mr. Barrett stated he had a conflict of interest with the Walter P Moore group, but since they were not selected by the Consultant Selection Committee, he was able to vote on the selection.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person**

There were no registered comments, however Andres Salazar made a public comment congratulating the FNI team.

Mr. Bronikowski also made a comment to state the grant agreement between TWDB and the Planning Group Sponsor – Harris County had been fully executed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Meeting Adjourn**

Mr. Poppe adjourned the meeting at 2:24PM.

*Alisa Max*

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Alisa Max, Secretary

*Russell A Poppe*

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Russ Poppe, Chair