

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
9:00 AM (MDT)  
8037 Lockheed, Suite 100 TX 79925

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (✓)/Absent ( X ) / Alternate Present (✓)</u>
Omar L. Martinez, Chair	<i>Water Districts</i>	✓
Zhuping Sheng	<i>Agricultural Interests</i>	X
Gilberto Saldaña Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Phillip Boyd for Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental Interests</i>	✓
Sal Masoud	<i>Industries</i>	✓
Javier Acosta	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
David "Dave" Hall	<i>Public</i>	✓
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small Business</i>	✓
Marvin Gomez for Gisela Dagnino	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Vacant	<i>Flood Districts</i>	
Levi Bryand	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Rick Tate	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Carlos Velarde	<i>Public</i>	✓
<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent(____)/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
James Weaver	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Elijah Casas	General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison	✓
Richard Bagans	Texas Water Development Board	C
Anita Keese	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	Region 15 Liaison	X
Dr. Apurba Borah	International Boundary Water Commission	X
Georgina Gonzalez	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Judy Albus	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	V
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Jeff Irvin, AECOM	
David Cantu, City of San Elizario		
Gilbet Andujo, AECOM		

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:05 MDT.

2. Public Comments

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

3. Review and approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 8th, 2023

Dave Hall made a motion to approve Minutes with corrections that he noted, from March 8th, 2023. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Gilberto Saldaña made a motion to approve the expenses as they were presented. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion passed.

5. Digital Risk Infrastructure Program presentation

Dr. Keri Stephens, Director for the Digital Risk Infrastructure Program (DRIP), spoke about the program to the group. DRIP will further investigate rural areas that have limited flood information. They anticipate being in Fort Hancock this summer.

6. TWDB Updates from Richard Bagans

Richard Bagans provided an update on activities from TWDB.

7. AECOM, general RFP updates

No action was taken on this agenda item.

8. Task 12 Identified FMEs and FMPs

No action was taken on this agenda item.

9. Next potential General RFPG meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023. Annette Gutierrez will query the group for meeting availability the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

10. Adjourn

Omar Martinez made a motion to adjourn. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

6/13/23

Date

  
Javier Acosta, Secretary