

Meeting Minutes  
 Region 5. Neches Regional Flood Planning Group  
 Technical Committee Meeting  
 Thursday, September 09, 2021  
 11:00 AM

**Roll Call:**

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Liv Haselbach	<i>Industries</i>	x
Ellen Buchanan	<i>Public</i>	x
Scott Hall	<i>River authorities</i>	x
Joseph G. Majdalani (Joe)	<i>Water districts</i>	x

**Other Meeting Attendees: \*\***

Ryan Ard, LNVA	Rachel Phipps, MPTX
Kate Osborn, LNVA	Dan Stuckert, TDEM
Rolando Ayala, FNI	Risa Barber, LNVA
Lincoln Abbott, FNI	

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM.

**2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Discuss initial Data Collection Survey Response**

The survey has been open approximately one month. To date there have been 22 total responses, 11 from stakeholders and 11 from the public. The majority of responses are clustered in the lower Neches basin with three responses from the upper portion of the basin.

**3. AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Discuss stakeholder engagement outreach**

FNI has reached out to those who received email notification that the survey was live and encouraged them to complete the survey. Current participation levels are promising, but efforts need to be made to ramp up survey participation. Ellen Buchanan volunteered to reach out to several Hardin County representatives and push for increased participation. FNI will also continue to reach out to various county entities and ask them to share the link to boost response rates.

**4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discuss upcoming existing flood risk public meeting, September 13, 2021**

There is a public meeting scheduled for stakeholders and the public attendance. FNI is prepared to demonstrate public input tools, accept public comments and feedback.

**5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Receive presentation on Task 3B (Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals) and Discuss Feedback related to Floodplain Management Goals**

FNI presented a workshop to identify goals and subgoals with a proposed timeline for execution and completion. The group discussed these and identified potential gaps, ranked goals and developed a final list of goal categories to deliver to the RFPG for consideration during the September meeting.

- **Floodplain Preservation**
- **Improve Data**
- **Improve Policy and Regulations**
- **Improve Flood Infrastructure**

- Expand Funding
- Expand Education and Outreach

**6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Demonstrate exercise to refine goals and consider recommendations for future input from RFPG**

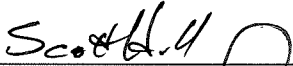
Used mentimeter tool to identify order of goals and subgoals.

**7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider possible agenda items for next meeting**

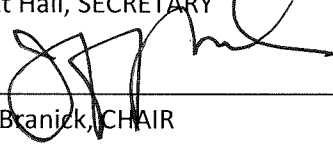
The committee will present the proposed goals and subgoals to the Group for consideration.

**8. Adjourn**

*Approved by the Region 5 Neches RFPG at a meeting held on September 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Lower Neches Valley Authority administrative building, 7850 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas.*



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Scott Hall, SECRETARY



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Jeff Branick, CHAIR