

## REGION 6 STEERING COMMITTEE

### MEETING #7 MINUTES

**Date:** November 17, 2020      **Time:** 10:00-12:30pm

**Location:** South Central Planning and Development Commission Video Conferencing

**Call to Order** – 10:05 by Mart Black

#### I. Welcome

- Mart Black welcomed everyone to the seventh meeting of the Watershed Region 6 Steering Committee. Pat Gordon stated the purpose of the meeting with an overview of the meeting agenda.
- Roll Call
  - Present Committee Members (14/17): **John Boudreaux , Andrew Barron, Michelle Gonzales (Proxy for Maggie Talley), Amanda Voisin, Mark Ward, Earl Matherne, Devin Foil, Tim Matte, Mart Black, Kevin Durbin, Theo Sanders, Marrill McKarry, David Weil, Scott Saunier**
  - Absent:, Richie Blink, John Clark, Kasey Courville
  - Other: Pat Gordon, Adam Lefort, Beryl Gomez, Nicolette Jones, Leroy Blanchard, Marvin McGraw, Allison Haertling, Helen Walker, Dori Turner, Jerome Fournier , Rene Pastorek, Reggie Dupre, Rachelle Sanderson, Risa Mueller,

#### II. Review and Adoption

##### Meeting Minutes

- Mart Black went over the minutes from last meeting.
- A motion to accept the minutes was by John Boudreaux and seconded by Earl Matherne. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

#### III. Project Inventory

##### Overview by Pat Gordon

- Pat Gordon briefly reminded the committee of the inventory list process. Round 1 Funding Opportunity has been opened as of September 18. He said the survey was live and if anyone needs any assistance in inputting information, to contact him first and then LWI if the question is not resolved. All the information is available on Louisiana Watershed Website.

#### **IV. Sub-Committee Update**

##### *Floodplain Managers Sub-Committee*

- Adam Lefort went over the Floodplain Managers sub-committee. The group's last meeting was on October 12, 2020, and had Mechelle Olivier, a Community Rating System Specialist, present to discuss changes to the CRS Manual.

#### **V. Watershed Coalition Governance Structure**

##### *Presentation by Louisiana Watershed Initiative*

- Nicolette Jones from Louisiana went through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Governance Exercise. The presentation can be found [here](#).

#### **VI. Committee Members Comments**

- Mart Black opened up for any questions from the committee. There was none.
- Mart Black opened up for Public Comment at this time.
- Beryl Gomez had a question about water quality and showed an example for best practices that LSU has developed. The best practices are recommendations and not mandatory. She wanted to make sure the best practices should be mandatory. Regarding the Coalition Structure, she hope to see the region be able to take the engineered projects that are funded that impact multiple parishes to coordinate with all Parishes with resources to help guide priorities. As an example, Assumption Parish has some flood mitigation projects needed that impact other parishes. There needs to be a source where these can be organized and driven through at the State level for all different funding resources.

#### **IX. Overview of Timeline**

##### *Round 1 Timeline*

- HUD approved the grant agreement on September 18. The deadline to submit project applications is on January 22, 2021, Awards announced for \$60 million in statewide projects in March 2021, and Regional selection recommendations are due to OCD in June 2021.

##### *Key Dates and Deadlines*

- October- Submit a "Regional Project Inventory" to LWI
- Within the next 6 Months- Provide preliminary recommendation on preferred coalition structure to LWI

Next Steps

- Plan next meeting for December 16, 2020.
- Plan next meeting
- Review and Refine Inventory List for regional projects
- Complete and circulate minutes
- Incorporate comments and corrections to meeting minutes
- Continue to discuss regional flood risk and vulnerabilities
- Continue to discuss Governance Structure

Upcoming Events

- December 7-10, 2020- Managing Floodplain Development (LO273) through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 A.M by John Boudreaux and seconded by Marrill McKarry