

REGION 6 STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING #8 MINUTES

Date: December 16, 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 eighth 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 (13/17): **John Boudreaux, Michelle Gonzales (Proxy for Maggie Talley), Amanda Voisin, Mark Ward, Earl Matherne, Devin Foil, Tim Matte, Mart Black, Kevin Durbin, David Weil, Scott Saunier, Kasey Courville, Hilda Lott**
 - Absent:, John Clark, Andrew Barron, Theo Sanders, Marrill McKarry
 - Other: Pat Gordon, Adam Lefort, Beryl Gomez, Nicolette Jones, Alex Carter, Leroy Blanchard, Laci Melancon, Brian Miles, Jenny Schexnayder, Liz Skilth, Allison Haertling, Dori Turner, Ehab Meselhe, Emad Habib, Rachelle Sanderson, Tim Bourcier, Kyle Galloway

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 Michelle Gonzales. 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 and deadline for submission is February 26, 2021. All the information is available on Louisiana Watershed Website. John Boudreaux questioned if it is Board Members or anyone to submit project. The

projects should be submitted through the Parish since they are aware of how the inventory list works. Contractors can submit the project if needed on behalf of Assumption Parish. John Boudreaux suggested an outside source should be submitting the projects to reduce any bias of a board member submitting. Nicolette Jones wanted to add that the purpose of the project list is to get as much of a comprehensive list for the region. There is no funding tied to this list besides Round 1 right now, but she sees no issues in local governments or board members inputting projects for their jurisdiction.

IV. Sub-Committee Update

Floodplain Managers Sub-Committee

- Adam Lefort went over the Floodplain Managers sub-committee. The group's last meeting was on November 23, 2020, and discussed Work Plan and Goals for the 2021 year for the committee focusing on Outreach, CRS Program, and CFMS.

V. Model use, Storage, and Maintenance Focus Group

Presentation by Brian Miles

- Brian Miles with DOTD went over through an update on the Modeling for LWI and presented an exercise for the focus group. The presentation can be found [here](#).

VI. Coalition Governance Structure

Coalition Governance Structure

- Nicolette Jones from Louisiana went through the 3rd Governance Exercise. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- A sub-committee was formed to meet on January 6, 2021. The first five members to comment in the Zoom box were selected. Interested members were Mart Black, Amanda Voisin, Kevin Durbin, Earl Matherne John Boudreaux, Michelle Gonzales, Devin Foil

VII. 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. There was none.

VIII. Overview of Timeline

Round 1 Timeline

- HUD approved the grant agreement on September 18. The deadline to submit project applications is on February 26, 2021, Awards announced for \$60 million in statewide projects in April 2021, and Regional selection recommendations are due to OCD in July 2021.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- January 31, 2021- Provide preliminary recommendation on preferred coalition structure to LWI

Next Steps

- Plan next meeting for January 27, 2021.
- 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
- Adopt Governance Structure

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 P.M by John Boudreaux and seconded by Earl Matherne