

REGION 6 STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING #9 MINUTES

Date: January 27, 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 ninth meeting of the Watershed Region 6 Steering Committee. Pat Gordon stated the purpose of the meeting with an overview of the meeting agenda. A video of the meeting can be found [here](#).
- Roll Call
 - Present Committee Members (10/17): **David Weil, John Boudreaux, John Clark, Amanda Voisin, Mark Ward, Earl Matherne, Devin Foil, Kasey Courville, Mart Black, Kevin Durbin**
 - Absent: Andrew Barron, Scott Saunier, Michelle Gonzales, Theo Sanders, Mike Metcalf, Marril McKarry, Tim Matte
 - Other: Pat Gordon, Adam Lefort, Janice Lovett, Nicolette Jones, Alex Carter, Laci Melancon, Dori Turner, Tim Bourcier, Kyle Galloway, Marvin McGraw

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.
- Mart Black went over the minutes from January 6, 2021, Governance Coalition Sub Committee.
- A motion to accept the minutes was by Amanda Voisin and seconded by John Boudreaux. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

2021 Meeting Calendar

- Mart Black went over the proposed 2021 Meeting Calendar.
- A motion to accept the minutes was by Kevin Durbin 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 and deadline for submission is February 26, 2021. 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 is planning on hosting next meeting in February to discuss and vote on work plan and future goals.

V. Coalition Governance Structure

Review of Other Region Recommendations

- Pat Gordon went over the regional recommendation for Regions 7 and 8 to show what other regions are recommending and how they relate and differ to Region 6.

Review of Region 6 Recommendations

- Pat Gordon went over our regional recommendation from the Sub-Committee meeting that was held on January 6, 2021. We reviewed the introduction, regional summary, and Roadmap to Implementing this recommendation. Nicolette Jones from LWI noted that this is just a summary to begin the steps of creating a plan. They want feedback from all the regions to start to prepare and outreach. From January to April, the plan is to do outreach and engagement and May- June to refine the recommendations received. Mart Black commented that the RSC members should be the ones in charge of outreach for their Parish and be the Point of Contact since they were the ones selected by the governing body. Mart Black made a comment that he wanted consistency across the regions for Legislation. He wants to make sure OCD ends up with every Region under them. After opening up for comment, there were two amendments to the recommendation based off committee comments.
- Amendment 1 – was to change the language under recommended to authorities to read: “Authority to adopt minimum development codes and allow localities to adopt stricter standards and Authority to enforce minimum development codes if given permission by governmental agencies and allow localities to adopt stricter standards.” The motion was by Earl Matherne and seconded by Amanda Voisin. It was approved unanimously.

- Amendment 2 – was to add Local Governments under the composition of public entity representation to the list included. This motion was by Amanda Voisin and seconded by John Boudreaux. It was approved unanimously.
- A motion to adopt the plan was by Earl Matherne and seconded by John Boudreaux. A roll call vote was done and the plan was approved unanimously. A copy of the recommendation can be found [online](#).

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. 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 February 24, 2021.
- Plan next meeting
- Complete and circulate minutes
- Incorporate comments and corrections to meeting minutes
- Continue to discuss regional flood risk and vulnerabilities
- Round 1 Funding Applications

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 A.M by Earl Matherne and seconded by John Boudreaux