

REGION 6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS SUB-COMMITTEE

MEETING #5 MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2021

Time: 2:30-3:30pm

Location: South Central Planning and Development Commission Video Conferencing

Call to Order – 2:35 by Adam Lefort

I. Welcome

- Adam Lefort welcomed everyone to the fifth meeting of the Watershed Region 6 Floodplain Managers Sub Committee. Adam Lefort stated the purpose of the meeting with an overview of the meeting agenda.
- Roll Call
 - Present Committee Members (11/16): **Marcia Shivers, John Boudreaux, Charlene Picard, Seamus Riley (Proxy for Maggie Talley), Darla Duet, Tara Lambeth, Nathan Cobb, Marrill McKarry, Kevin Durbin, Devin Foil, Danielle Young**
 - Absent:, Jerome Landry, Mike Metcalf, Brian Romero, Claire Darby, Tammy A. Luke
 - Other: Pat Gordon, Adam Lefort, Amanda Voisin, Michelle Gonzales, Mechelle Olivier

Meeting Minutes

- A motion to approve the October/November meeting minutes were made by Kevin Durbin and seconded by Darla Duet. The minutes were approved.
- A motion to approve the September meeting minutes were made by Darla Duet and seconded by Tara Lambeth. The minutes were approved.

II. Regional Steering Committee Update

RSC Update

- Pat Gordon gave an update on what is taking place at the Regional Steering Committee for Region 6. He stated that July is when the project selection from Round 1 Funding will be done by the RSC and June will be when the State decides. They are beginning the process of outreach with elected officials on the Preliminary recommendation for the coalition.

II. Community Rating System

Presentation by Mechelle Olivier

- Mechelle mentions a CCMP template on the website under the 310 tab. This is for Construction Certificates. All site visits she has been on have gone well even though she did not do any in LA yet. The template needs to be approved by an authorized head for credit. It is required every year now. She showed different websites to be used: crsresources.org, fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system, and fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip. She has not seen substantial damage plan yet. She has seen some endangered species plans for credit. Tara Lambeth asked if they can use different software for substantial damage plans. Mechelle stated that they can as long as it is equivalent or better than their software. Seamus Riley asked if the floodplain species assessment were getting full credit or what was dinged. She stated that some were dinged for not having the full FSHA. Darla Duet mentioned that Wildlife refused to send anything because there was none in Lafourche even though we are sure there are some. Mechelle recommended to just google to see what comes up. Seamus said he looked up the website and there are similar species in Lafourche as Jefferson.

Amendment Change

- Adam went over the Amendments that went effective in January.

IV. Sub-Committee Goals

Work Plan

- Adam Lefort went over the Work Plan put together to focus on Public Outreach, Certified Floodplain Managers, and CRS Program. The CFM training in April has been canceled and they are planning on having CFM trainings each quarter and have 6 test offered in 2021. Darla Duet mentioned they have regional CRS programs already like FLOAT. Our regional CRS program is geared to more technical assistance. Pat Gordon added that those groups have been going it for about 10 years. The game is changing with the Watershed Initiative and is focusing on CRS in the communities. Tara mentioned that there is a waitlist for the upcoming CFM class. John Boudreaux wanted to add it is would be difficult for Assumption to have additional work/staff with everything going on. This is where SCPDC comes in help if APPJ asks, but it is up to Assumption to decide to participate. Darla Duet made a motion to approve the work plan and was seconded by Tara Lambeth. It was approved.

Committee Member Discussion

- Mechelle asked about any State approval of updated building codes. This will change the CRS scoring for some if not adopted. We will look more into it to see if that changes with the State. Pat Gordon asked if the D Firm maps are coming out soon for Coastal Parishes. Last heard date was April from Darla Duet since the mapping department is changing. Jefferson, Lafourche, and St. Charles is looking into adopting the 1-ft freeboard.

V. Overview of Timeline

Next Steps

- Plan next meeting
- Complete and circulate minutes
- Finalize goals and work plan discussion

At this time, public comment was opened. There was none.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.