

## REGION 6 STEERING COMMITTEE

### MEETING #17 MINUTES

**Date:** October , 2021    **Time:** 10:00-12:00pm

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

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

#### I. Welcome

- Mart Black welcomed everyone to the seventieth 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 (12/17): **David Weil, John Boudreaux, John Clark Amanda Voisin, Hilda Hote, Marril McKarry, Mark Ward, Earl Matherne, Tara Lambeth, Kasey Courville, Kevin Durbin, Mart Black,**
  - Absent: Andrew Barron, Scott Saunier, Tim Matte, Theo Sanders,
  - Other: Pat Gordon, Laci Melancon, Alyce Theriot, Nicolette Jones, Jenny Schexnayder, Allison Haertling, Jennifer Gerbasi, Brady Richard

#### II. Review and Adoption

##### Meeting Minutes

- Mart Black went over the minutes from last meeting of August 25, 2021.
- A motion to accept the minutes was made by Earl Matherne and seconded by Kevin Durbin. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

#### III. Presentation on Proposed Boundary change Recommended by Region 5, Racheal Godeaux, APC/Region 5 Representative:

- Rachel Godeaux, Watershed Region 5, Community and Economic Development Director explained that their steering committee had done extensive outreach to the Parishes within their boundaries to begin preliminary discussions on the parishes' membership preference. She further indicated that the Parishes of Iberia and St. Martin specifically requested to be entirely within Region 5.
- Steering Committee member from St. Martin Parish, Kasey Courville also reiterated their desire to be a voting member in only Region 5 because such a small area is within Region 6

- Steering Committee member from Assumption Parish, John Boudreaux, objected to this change and felt that these Parishes needed to be at the table with Region 6.
- No action was taken but P. Gordon did indicate that this issue is not going away and will be discussed in the creation of the Coalition Legislation with other Watershed Coordinators and OCD.

**IV. Presentation by Nicolette Jones, OCD representative regarding Round II and Steering Committee role moving forward by the State.**

- Nicolette Jones explained that the Round II Design Support Pilot Program was officially launched in August. Eligible applicants for this program include those who submitted applications to the Round I program and were not funded. OCD/LWI is currently assessing applications to identify technical assistance needs and feasibility. The program is intended to provide the necessary technical assistance or design support to those communities where it was evident that further capacity was needed in order to implement flood risk reduction projects. It is anticipated that the announcement of awarded projects will be announced in mid-2022.
- John Boudreaux requested when will these communities who have eligible projects be contacted and Nicolette indicated soon, once assessments are completed by OCD/LWI.
- Nicolette further explained that the state has received the RSC governance recommendations and will provide more information to RSCs once draft legislation has been developed. In the meantime, she recommended that the Steering Committee should continue working on the ongoing efforts that they have already established, such as the floodplain managers network effort in Region 6.

**V. Modeling presentation for Watershed Region 6, Steve Swygert Project Engineer for Michael Baker Engineering Firm.**

- Engineering provided undated information on the modeling for Region 6 and should have completed within the next few months.
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- Indicated that in February or March he will come back and provide final report for the Steering Committee.

**VI. Committee Members Comments**

No Committee Member comments

**VII. Public Commits**

- No Public Commits

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 A.M by John Boudreaux and seconded by Kevin Durbin . Motion Passed!