

## REGION 6 STEERING COMMITTEE

### MEETING #18 MINUTES

**Date:** February 23, 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 eighteenth 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, Meggie Talley for Amanda Voisin, Hilda Hote, Earl Matherne, Tara Lambeth, Kasey Courville, Kevin Durbin, & Mart Black.**
  - Absent: Andrew Barron, Scott Saunier, Tim Matte, Theo Sanders, Mark Ward, Kasey Courville, Marril McKarry.
  - Other: Pat Gordon, Anita Tillman, Lesley Long, Lea Ann Rucker, Dr Monica Farris, Dr Carol Friedland, Rachelle Sanderson and Jenny Schexnayder.
- **Review and Adoption:**

#### **II. Meeting Minutes**

- Mart Black went over the minutes from last meeting of October 27, 2021.
- A motion to accept the minutes was made by Earl Matherne and seconded by David Weil with minor meeting number adjustment. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- Minutes from previous meeting illustrated the incorrect number of the meeting. That meeting was the seventeenth meeting of the Watershed Region 6 and not the 70th.
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### **III. Legislative Update regarding Coalition Legislation:**

Patrick Gordon explained that the legislation was still with the Governors Office and may be submitted within the legislative session this spring. Anita Tillman, Henry Consultants representing Office of Community Development, also explained the status of the legislation and anticipated the Governors Office to release once the session begins

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### **IV. Freeboard Presentation by UNO and LSU**

Dr. Monica Farris (UNO-Chart) and Dr. Carol Friedland (LSU) presented the benefits of freeboard regulations in regard to decreasing a communities risk and to lower flood insurance premiums.

After the presentation Steering Committee member Earl Matherne requested their office will be looking at the increase cost in Flood Insurance due to 2.0 and what are the impacts in the non special flood hazard areas. Dr. Friedland indicated that they will be looking at this in the future but is not included in this report. She further explained that there office should be provided all information that the local communities have assembled regarding the increase in flood insurance so they can compile a comprehensive illustration of the impacts.

### **V. Region 6 Modeling Update:**

Billy Williamson, PE, Louisiana Department of Transportation provided a detailed presentation regarding the modeling efforts in Region 6. \$145 Mill has been allocated to the modeling, flood risk assessment and project analysis to be completed in October 2023. He indicated that Micheal Baker International was the prime engineering firm awarded the contract with additional subs of CH Festmaker, Moffat and Nichol, Dewberry, Forte and Toblada, and lastly Atkins North America.

Mr Williamson also mentioned that he Statewide Flood Control Program was taking applications until April 30 and encouraged everyone to participate. The State does have funding for these projects and modeling will need to be conducted prior to applying.

He further indicated that these types of grant applications will be enhanced by the modeling underway currently. The hydrologic modeling is almost complete by Dewberry and they hope to have that completed by September.



**VI. Committee Members Comments**

No Committee Member comments

**VII. Public Commits**

- No Public Commits

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 A.M by John Boudreaux and seconded by John Clark . Motion Passed!