

**LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE**  
**REGION 4 REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

November 16, 2020

10:00 AM

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Jacob Marceaux called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Myles Hebert, Ms. Kara Bonsall, Mr. Jacob Marceaux, Ms. Jennifer Cobian (Proxy for Mr. Alberto Galan), Mr. Gardner Rose, Mr. Matt Johns, Mr. Thomas Fontcuberta (via Zoom)

Not Present: Mr. Jason Hebert, Mr. William Ruffin, Mr. Bill Sabine

Others Present: Terry Frelot (Calcasieu Parish), Amber Downs (Calcasieu Parish) Brad Spiegel (LA OCD), Mr. Edward Anthony (LWI Watershed Coordinator), Ms. Anna Doucet (Fenstermaker) Mr. Dax Doucet (Fenstermaker), Ms. Jeanne Hornsby (Fenstermaker) Ms. Stephanie Boh (QES), and Mr. Alex Guillory (BMC)

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jacob Marceaux led the Invocation.

Mr. Jacob Marceaux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Take appropriate action to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020, Regional 4 Region Steering Committee meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Matt Johns and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Cobian, and the motion result was Passed.

5. Governance Exercise #2 – Brad Spiegel, OCD

Discussion:

Implementation Concerns: General concern to eliminate enforcement inconsistencies across jurisdictions. Developing a state minimum development standard allows the region to accomplish this uniformly

- Consensus around minimum standards, but consideration of zoning will differ per Parish

**Root cause, function, authorities:** The group wants the coalition to develop and execute a watershed plan

- Jacob Marceaux - Consultant support and engineering support will be needed for the coalition
- Jennifer Cobian - Noted the entity that facilitates the coalition would need to allocate in-house staff

State needs to create a minimum higher standard and a decision being made on the following:

- Region is procedurally involved in every local permit request
- Contractual Services - local jurisdictions would elects to have the region help through contracting

The coalition should help local jurisdictions get access to grant funds and figure out how to administer them. The coalition could serve as a conduit for grant funds, but revenue streams should not be limited to only grant funds.

Matt Johns to reach out to IMCAL and gauge their interest in a facilitation role for the coalition. Following feedback a facilitation decision can be determined whether:

- New org to facilitate the coalition
- IMCAL facilitates the coalition

6. Receive any additional updated from OCD.
7. Update on LWI statewide modeling effort – Fenstermaker
8. General discussion or update from each parish and tribe, if any, regarding this initiative and project, infrastructure, modeling, or other identified needs that exist within each Parish to begin goal and priority setting for Region 4.

Allen Parish – Not present

Beauregard Parish – No update

Calcasieu Parish – No update

Cameron Parish – No update

Coushatta Tribe – No update

DeSoto Parish – No update

Jeff Davis Parish – Not present.

Rapides Parish – No update

Sabine Parish – Not present

Vernon Parish – No update

9. Adjournment.

Mr. Jacob Marceaux adjourned the meeting.