

LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE
REGION 4 REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING

December 8, 2021

1:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mr. Alberto Galan called the meeting to order 1:31 pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Alberto Galan, Mr. Jacob Marceaux, Mr. Matt Johns, Ms. Kara Bonsall, Mr. Gardner Rose, Mr. Tom Fontcuberta, Mr. Michael McCormic, Mr. Myles Hebert

Not Present: Mr. Jason Hebert, Mr. Carl Thompson

Others Present: Ms. Jennifer Cobian (Calcasieu Parish), Ms. Jamie Gaines (IMCAL), Ms. Natasha Willis (Calcasieu Parish), Ms. Amber Downs (Calcasieu Parish), Ms. Nicolette Jones (LA OCD), Mr. Bradley Spiegel (LA OCD), Ms. Stephanie Boh (LWI Watershed Coordinator), Mr. Edward Anthony (LWI Watershed Coordinator), Kay LeSage, Austin Doucet, Marvin McGraw

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jacob Marceaux led the Invocation.

Mr. Jacob Marceaux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Meeting Minutes Approval

Take appropriate action to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021, Regional 4 Region Steering Committee meeting.

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

5. LWI Region 4 – Parish Support Activities – QES

QES provided an update on communications of flood reduction initiatives and ongoing activities.

6. 2021 Summary Presentation of LWI Region 4 – QES Presentation Outline

Overview of LWI

- Major Components
- Projects
- Modeling
- Governance

Accomplishments

- Setup Regional Steering Committee
- Development of "Watershed Project Inventory"
- Round 1 Project Funding Recommendation
- Governance Model Recommendation
- MUSM Plan Recommendation

Recap of the Governance Recommendation

- We have discussed the Governance Recommendation extensively.
- Upcoming legislative session will consider the regional recommendation, and we hope to review draft bill language in 2022

The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

7. Introduction of LWI Engagement Manager – OCD/QES

Edward Anthony provided an update on the scheduled meeting with OCD and Henry Consulting on December 15, 2021

8. Receive any additional updates from OCD

- Nature Based Solutions in Urban spaces, Dana Brown. Case study in Lafayette that is turning into a world-class park; next week, Dec 15 at 1 pm.
- State is working with government to draft legislation for water mitigation based on our recommendations.
- Draft will come out later this year and OCD will share with Watershed Coordinators.

- Best wishes were made to Brad Spiegel on his new career endeavor. RSC was notified he would be leaving OCD December 10th.

9. Receive any additional updates from IMCAL

Changing the name from IMCAL will now be Southwest Regional Planning Commission; working on the 7 spokes of the proposal and will be approved by Board and then he will share with the RSC later this year

10. 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 update

Beauregard Parish – No update

Calcasieu Parish – No update

Cameron Parish – No update

Coushatta Tribe – No update

DeSoto Parish – No update

Jeff Davis Parish – No update

Rapides Parish – No update

Sabine Parish – No update

Vernon Parish – No update

Public Comment – No comments

11. Adjournment.

Mr. Jacob Marceaux motioned, and Mr. Tom Fontcuberta seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 PM