



Meeting Summary
H-GAC REGIONAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
July 18, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT (in person or via webinar)

Primary Members

Ray Chislett (Austin County)

David Ewald (At-large)

Pamela Hanneman (Brazos River Authority)

Jennifer Hobbs (City of Missouri City)

Yancy Scott (Waller County)

John Blount (Harris County)

Andrew Isbell (Walker County)

Mark Vogler (Fort Bend County)

Brad Wilber (At-large)

Alternate Members

Sasha Buchheit (City of Pearland)

Aundrea Lindsey (Montgomery County)

Guillermo Salcedo (City of Sugar Land)

Scott Sheridan (At-large)

H-GAC Staff Present: Cheryl Mergo, Amy Combs, Justin Bower

Guests in Attendance (includes proxies for primary members not designated as alternates): Included Debbie Vascik (FAST), Michael Bloom (R.G. Miller Engineering), Sandra Vreblec (Austin County), Robert Lemley (City of Houston), John Powers (The Woodlands), Farr Fakheri (Black & Veatch), , Daphine Searbrough, Susan Chaduiek (Save Buffalo Bayou), Griselda Gonzales (Goodman Corporation), Marirk Kriticos (HARC), Sam Hinojosa (Halff), Michael Shannon (Galveston County), Patrick Donart (Friendswood), Rene Ibrra (Friendswood), Parviz Roodsari (La Porte).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Scott started the meeting. Introductions were made around the room.

2. Approval of April 18, 2018 Meeting Reports (Action)

Minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved with no changes.

3. Vacancies (Action)

Amy Combs stated that vacancies for the board were still being determined

4. Presentation, Bruce Riser (The Woodlands)

Bruce Rieser, The Woodlands Township Director presented on the The Woodlands Township Drainage Task Force. The Task Force addresses community drainage concerns and ways to improve the performance of the storm drainage systems that serve properties in The Woodlands Township.

5. Flood Awareness Success in Texas (FAST)

Debbie Vascik provided information on:

- The next FAST meeting is scheduled for August 22 2018. The topic is flood insurance promotion, meeting location, and other details will be sent to the members once they're finalized.
- The week-long EMI CRS class will be field-deployed to the City of Houston on November 8. Once other details are known, they will be forwarded to the FAST members.
- Update on FEMA staff changes

6. Roundtable Discussion

a. Atlas 14 rainfall statistics and updates

- Michael Bloom (R.G Miller Engineering) spoke on this tool from NOAA
- Discussion by attendees on the current limitations and or lack of regulations in place to help mitigate flooding

b. RFMC Bylaws revision

- Attendees discussed the need to update current bylaws
- Discussion started by Cheryl Mergo- current bylaws are broad, there is increased interest in the committee's role throughout the region, but there are more council members than spots allowed by the current bylaws
- Creation of a subcommittee to review, will meet after meeting to determine which members want to be a part of this revision
 - Subcommittee Members: John Blount, Jennifer Hobbs, Sasha Buchheit, Andrew Isbell, Jorge Alba

c. Regional Survey

- Attendees discussed the creation of a regional survey in order to further understand the current regulations, policies and views in the region concerning flood mitigation and drainage requirements. Creation of subcommittee to review
 - Subcommittee Members: Mark Vogler, John Blount, Andrew Isbell, and Yancy Scott

Next Steps

- Set up a series of meetings to determine focus
- Determine key players not at the table
- Make a road map (strategy) for proceeding
- Small group meetings will begin soon
- H-GAC staff will work to create a draft survey to present to the council

Attendees asked for recommendations for future presentations or field trips

- One possibility is the new Harris County and City of Houston floodplain building regulations- a field trip to see current home elevations
- Presentation from FEMA on federal requirements
- Presentation/ Staff update on draft survey questions

7. **Next Meeting:** Previously Scheduled for October 17, attendees expressed interest in changing this date. More information to come.

8. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.