

Action Summary



LWI Region 5 Steering Committee

10am-12pm, Thursday, April 15, 2021
Rosa Parks Transportation Center
Multipurpose Room 116
101 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA 70501



AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, & COMMITTEE ROLL CALL	<p>Mr. Donald Bergeron of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance both in person and virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live at facebook.com/AcadianaPlanningCommission. The meeting was made available to the public via live stream on Facebook Live. The recording of the full meeting is available at planacadiana.org/watershed/lwi-region-5/.</p> <p>“Opening Statement: Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to this public meeting of the Region 5 Steering Committee. I am Donald Bergeron, representative of Evangeline Parish, and will lead the meeting today.</p> <p>Agendas are available at the room’s entrance and were made available through email and online at planacadiana.org.</p> <p>For our records to reflect your attendance please sign-in at the table or drop a message in the chat box listing your name and affiliation.</p> <p>The purpose of this public meeting is to consider items established by the agenda. Public input is welcome on these items. However, to ensure an orderly meeting, members of the public shall speak at the time designated. Each organization may be permitted one representative to speak for 3 minutes on its behalf and individual public members are permitted 3 minutes. For those wishing to speak in-person, complete a speaker card and present it to the APC staff. For members of the public participating online, please submit your comments and questions in the chat box. Comments/questions will be read aloud during the public comment period.”</p>
ROLL CALL & PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Ms. Kelia Bingham of Acadiana Planning Commission called roll for the steering committee members’ attendance. A quorum was present.</p>

<p>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES</p> <p><i>(formal action)</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Earl Garber and seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry to approve the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2021 LWI Region 5 Steering Committee Meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 10-0-6: Yea –13; Nay – 0; Absent – 3</i></p> <p>Action summaries from the sub-committee meetings were distributed to the Region 5 Steering Committee members for their reference.</p>
<p>LA WATERSHED INITIATIVE UPDATES</p>	<p>Mr. Donald Bergeron introduced Mr. Bradley Spiegel with the Louisiana OCD for LWI updates. Mr. Bradley Spiegel announced the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June - Final governance recommendation due to the Council on Watershed Management • May - State Round 1 Project Awards (\$60 million) • July - Regional Round 1 Project Recommendations • September - Regional Round 1 Project awards (\$40 million total with \$5 million for each region)
<p>WATERSHED FUNDING STRATEGIES PRESENTATION</p>	<p>Mr. Steve Picou, Chief Visionary Officer at Adaptation Strategies, provided a presentation on his white paper, <i>Strategies for Funding Watershed Management and Flood-Risk Reduction in Louisiana</i>. The presentation included precedent case studies of long-term watershed planning funding.</p>
<p>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS</p> <p>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</p>	<p>Mr. Donald Bergeron recognized Mr. Earl Garber as the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Sub-Committee Lead.</p> <p>The committee has finalized the provisional Technical Scoring and Evaluation Criteria for Regional Project Round 1 funds. There are a total of 3 categories (Population/Regional Structures Benefitted, Regional Area Benefitted, and Project Constructability and Sustainability) for the scoring evaluation. These documents may change as the process is refined. Region 5 criteria is due to LWI on April 16th.</p> <p>The Regional Round 1 Project Selection Process is outlined in the steps below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and review project list from LWI in May 2. Assess project interest for \$5million in LWI Funds 3. Pre-screening Eligibility Questionnaire 4. Technical Scoring & Evaluation Screening 5. Recommend Projects to LWI in July 6. Regional Project Awards in September <p>A motion was made by Mr. John Marceaux and seconded by Mr. Earl Garber to adopt the provisional technical scoring and evaluation criteria for regional funds of round 1</p>

<p>GOVERNANCE AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINIABILITY</p>	<p>projects. A tally of each member’s vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 10-0-6: Yea –13; Nay – 0; Absent – 3</i></p> <p>Mr. Donald Bergeron invited Ms. Kelia Bingham to provide the Governance & Long-term Sustainability Subcommittee report in the absence of the subcommittee lead, Mr. Matt Johns. The governance communications matrix and emergency operations plan outline was provided to the steering committee members.</p> <p><u>Communications/Outreach Update</u> – The governance recommendation has been presented to the Bayou Vermilion District, individual state legislators (meetings with Rep. Coussan and Rep. Miguez), and a legislator round table. The legislator round table took place on April 8. The R5 Steering Committee Chair and Committee Leads were in attendance.</p> <p>Presentations to the Rainey Conservation Alliance and the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration Protection Authority are scheduled for April 16 and April 20, respectively. The following outreach meetings are scheduled for May – Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association (non-profit), American Society of Civil Engineering -Acadiana Branch, and One Acadiana (chamber of commerce). Other outreach avenues that are tentatively scheduled for May are the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and soil and water conservation districts in Region 5.</p> <p><u>Emergency Operations Plan</u> – A draft outline for the EO plan was revised. The appropriate entities and timeframes of when the plan should be implemented have been preliminarily defined. The following questions are still being resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is considered an active event? • What are the heavy rainfall parameters (what is the threshold number that contributes to flooding)? <p>APC is in communication with OHSEP Region 4 Coordinator, Lee John, for guidance on the draft plan.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)</p>	<p>The Floodplain Management & CRS Subcommittee was dissolved during the February 11 R5 Steering Committee Meeting to focus attention on the creation of a regional community rating system (CRS) user group. A kickoff meeting will take place on April 20.</p> <p>Ms. Kelia Bingham introduced Dr. Marla Nelson of UNO to discuss a Floodplain Species Assessment that is being developed as part of a Spring 2021 course in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program in partnership with the UNO Center for Hazards Assessment, Response and Technology (UNO-CHART). Dr. Nelson requested that any open space maps and/or basic information on CRS credited recovery actions for threatened and endangered species from the steering committee members.</p>

REGION 5 WATERSHED INFORMATION MAP	Ms. Alicia Wiltz, APC, presented a GIS Region 5 Data Repository that will be used as a publicly available watershed planning resource.
SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS	CIP Subcommittee – May 6, 2021 10am-12pm Governance Subcommittee – May 20, 2021 10am-12pm Region 5 Steering Committee – June 17, 2021 10am-12pm
MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	There were no miscellaneous updates.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	A motion was made by Mr. Earl Garber and seconded by Mr. Karl Aucoin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. <i>VOTE: 10-0-6: Yea –13; Nay – 0; Absent – 3</i>
MEETING DETAILS	
CONTACT	Kelia Bingham, LWI Region 5 Watershed Coordinator, (337) 446-0807 Rachel Godeaux, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9373 Kade Jones, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9376
NEXT REGION 5 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	June 17, 2021 at 10am
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ATTENDANCE RECORD	
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Delegates Present:</u> Acadia Parish - Earl Garber Allen - Gardner Rose Avoyelles - Jimmy Landry Evangeline - Donald Bergeron Jefferson Davis – John Marceaux St. Landry - Karl Aucoin Vermilion - Ralph Libersat APC Appoint - Donald Sagrera</p> <p><u>Delegates Present Virtually via Zoom</u> Cameron – Scooter Trosclair Iberia - Larry Richard Lafayette – Jessica Cornay APC Appoint - Pamela Granger APC Appoint – Dr. Emad Habib</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Rachel Godeaux, APC Kelia Bingham, APC Alicia Wiltz, APC Kade Jones, APC Alex Guillory, Blue Wing Consultants, Lafayette Parish</p> <p><u>Others Present Virtually</u> Bradley Spiegel, OCD-LWI Nicolette Jones, OCD-LWI Stephanie Weeks, LCG Sara Gary, APC</p>
ABSENTEES	<p><u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u> Calcasieu - Terry Frelot Iberville - John Clark Pointe Coupee – Mark Ward Rapides – Matt Johns St. Martin – Chester Cedars St. Mary - Tim Matte</p>