

Action Summary



LWI Region 5 Steering Committee

10am-12pm, Thursday, July 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. Matt Johns to approve the meeting minutes from the April 15, 2021 LWI Region 5 Steering Committee Meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>VOTE: 11-0-5: Yea –11; Nay – 0; Absent – 5</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"> • There is a LWI council meeting tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2021. This will be an opportunity for each region to present their final governance recommendations. • In September, LWI will be launching a “nature based solutions training program.” This will be a 9-part webinar series available to local jurisdictions and interested stakeholders.
<p>LWI REGION 5 UPDATES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July - Final Governance Recommendation • July - Regional Round 1 Project Recommendations - \$40 million • September - Regional Round 1 Project Awards - \$40 million
<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>Local Round 1 Projects and the Regional Project Selections Breakdown were provided during the meeting for steering committee review.</p> <p>The CIP Subcommittee met on June 17th to discuss Round 1 Projects. Regarding the state selected and funded projects, there were four projects with a total reward of \$19.58 Million for Region 5. There were three unfunded projects for Regional Selection for Region 5 with a total cost of \$7.2 Million. The state has allowed for certain flexibilities in funding. Some regions may potentially receive up to \$6,000,000 in round 1 funding.</p> <p>The CIP Subcommittee reviewed and discussed regional projects and funding scenarios. The Subcommittee unanimously voted to recommend to the full steering committee to spend available funds on projects as soon as possible. The committee has finalized project recommendations for Round 1 funds. There steering committee will discuss a funding scenario of a joint project with Region 2. This funding scenario has been discussed with Region 2 and they are in favor of this funding scenario.</p>

<p>GOVERNANCE AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINIABILITY</p>	<p>Mr. Donald Bergeron invited Mr. Matt Johns to provide the Governance & Long-term Sustainability Subcommittee report update. The Governance Outreach Matrix was made available to steering committee members.</p> <p><u>LWI and Provisional Governance Recommendation Outreach Update</u> – From December 2020 to June 2021, there were a total number of 30 meetings with a total number of 276 attendees. Documentation was provided to steering committee members. APC targeted parish governments, legislators, and special interest stakeholder groups. Surveys were utilized to collect feedback on the governance recommendation. For the second phase, APC plans to engage more nonprofits, sovereign nations, and conduct town hall meetings. The main purpose of the second phase of outreach is to update regional stakeholders on final recommendations and LWI updates along with introducing legislative strategies (guidance by LWI).</p> <p><u>Flood Coordination Plan Update</u> - The Flood Coordination Plan Outline was made available to steering committee members. This was originally called an Emergency Operations Plan, but it has been more appropriately titled, Flood Coordination Plan. The draft outline for the plan was discussed at the Governance Subcommittee meeting on July 8, 2021. A meeting will be held to discuss this regional coordination.</p> <p><u>Final Governance Recommendation Update</u> - The draft Final Governance Recommendation was made available to steering committee members. The Subcommittee voted on proposed changes to be recommended to the Steering Committee.</p>
<p>REGIONAL ROUND 1 PROJECT SELECTIONS</p>	<p>Following subcommittee reporting and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Tim Matte and seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry to approve the adopt the recommendation of project funding by the CIP Subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 11-0-5: Yea –11; Nay – 0; Absent – 5</i></p>
<p>FINAL GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Matt Johns and seconded by Mr. Ralph Libersat to adopt the Governance and Long-Term Sustainability Region 5 Recommendation with amendments noted during this meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 11-0-5: Yea –11; Nay – 0; Absent – 5</i></p>
<p>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS</p>	<p>All meetings will be held in the same format. R5SC members may participate in-person and the public is encouraged to attend online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIP Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, September 2nd, 10am – 12pm • Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Meeting, Thursday, September 16th, 10am – 12pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 21st, from 10am – 12pm
MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Final Governance Recommendation was submitted to the LA OCD by close of business the day of this meeting, July 15, 2021. Each region will present highlights of their final recommendations to the Council on Watershed Mgt tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2021. Recommendations will go through the Governor’s office and then the state legislative for the 2022 session. There was a Steering Committee Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2021, but due to the occurrence of this regional steering committee meeting, the committee will not need to meet again next month. The plan is to keep this meeting date but change the subject to a Model Use Storage & Maintenance or MUSM meeting. LWI will provide an update on the MUSM for Region 5.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Ralph Libersat and seconded by Mr. Tim Matte to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 11-0-5: Yea –11; Nay – 0; Absent – 5</i></p>
MEETING DETAILS	
CONTACT	<p>Kelia Bingham, LWI Region 5 Watershed Coordinator, (337) 446-0807</p> <p>Rachel Godeaux, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9373</p> <p>Kade Jones, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9376</p>
NEXT REGION 5 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	October, 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 Lafayette – Jeremy Primeaux, Jessica Cornay Rapides – Matt Johns St. Landry - Karl Aucoin St. Mary - Tim Matte Vermilion - Ralph Libersat APC Appoint - Donald Sagrera</p> <p><u>Delegates Present Virtually via Zoom</u> Cameron – Lancy Ardoin, Alternate Designee for Scooter Trosclair Iberia – Ben Langlinais, Alternate Designee for Larry Richard APC Appoint - Pamela Granger APC Appoint – Dr. Emad Habib</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Monique Boulet, APC 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 Sara Gary, APC</p>
ABSENTEES	<p><u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u> Calcasieu - Terry Frelot Iberville - John Clark Jefferson Davis – John Marceaux Pointe Coupee – Mark Ward St. Martin – Chester Cedars</p>