

Action Summary



LWI Region 5 CIP Subcommittee Meeting

10am-12pm, Thursday, January 6, 2022
 Rosa Parks Transportation Center
 Multipurpose Room 116
 101 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA 70501



AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p>	<p>Earl Garber, representative of Acadia Parish, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live at facebook.com/AcadianaPlanningCommission. The meeting was made available to the public via live stream on Facebook Live. Due to technical difficulties the meeting was paused around 10:15 and resumed around 10:30. The recording of the full meeting is available at http://planacadiana.org/watershed/lwi-region-5/meeting-recordings/.</p> <p>“Opening Statement: Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the LWI Region 5 Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting. I am Earl Garber, representative of Acadia 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>
<p>ROLL CALL & PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS</p>	<p>Ms. Kelia Bingham of Acadiana Planning Commission called roll for the steering committee members’ attendance. A quorum was present.</p>
<p>APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY</p> <p><i>(formal action)</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Donald Bergeron and seconded by John Clark to approve the meeting minutes from the November 4, 2021 CIP Subcommittee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 5-0-3:</i> <i>Yea – 5;</i> <i>Nay – 0;</i> <i>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>REGION 5 UPDATES</p>	<p>Nicolette Jones with LA OCD provided the following update:</p> <p>The second phase of the Design Support Pilot Program is scheduled to be launched at the end of 2022. LA OCD and LWI are reviewing projects that were not funded for eligibility for this program. Results are expected to be announced “in the next couple of months.”</p>
<p>FEMA BRIC FUNDING - UPPER BAYOU NEZPIQUE PROJECT</p>	<p>This is a project that can possibly be funded by FEMA’s BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities). The Upper Bayou Nezpique Project involves the installation of retention ponds for watershed protection, flood prevention, agricultural water management and recreation. Three ponds have been built so far. The parishes (6 total) that can benefit from this project are: Evangeline, Rapides, Allen, Jeff Davis, Acadia, and Calcasieu. The watershed that is impacted is the Mermentau.</p> <p>The owners of Miller’s Lake in Evangeline Parish are open to the project application. They have provided a survey of the lake.</p> <p>Official approval for this project application will be needed by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury as they will be the project applicant. Support letters will also be needed from Allen Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Jeff Davis Parish, Acadia parish, Rapides Parish and their respective Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The amount of work for this application is being assessed by the EPPJ engineers. Pan American Engineers may be able to assist with grant application/management.</p> <p>BRIC funding criteria met (according to the Bayou Nezpique work plan):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helps aid a community lifeline - improve flood conditions of nearby roads and damage to surrounding roads and bridges reduced; transportation improved especially for emergency response personnel 2. Protection for agriculture and general landowners 3. Recreational development 4. Nature Based Solution – Maximining the floodplain <p>This project could also provide NFIP Community Rating System or CRS credit – this is a NBS (green infrastructure) with water quantity reduced and water quality improved</p> <p>Donald Bergeron has spoken to the president and vice president of the Miller’s Lake organization. They are in favor of the project but would like to have more conversation before committing. Evangeline Parish police jury to assign a committee to meet with the Miller’s Lake organization.</p>
<p>REVIEW ACTION PLAN TASKS FOR CIP SUBCOMMITTEE</p>	<p>The LWI Region 5 CIP Subcommittee tasks in the Action Plan were reviewed. The plan is available for review at http://planacadiana.org/watershed/lwi-region-5/lwi-action-plan/.</p>
<p>COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT INVENTORY</p>	<p>The Comprehensive Project Inventory is being refined. APC will reach out to each parish of Region 5 to update projects in the inventory. The Comprehensive Project Inventory online application was reviewed with the subcommittee.</p>
<p>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Meeting, Thursday, November 9th, 10am – 12pm • Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting, Thursday, December 9th, 10am – 12pm • Next CIP Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, January 6th, 10am – 12pm

REGIONAL PROEJCTS PRESENATION SCHEDULE	Each parish representative is requested to present on their past regional projects and/or currently active regional projects in the near future. This is an opportunity as a region to inform the public of project work thus far. This can be a 15 minute presentation; two municipalities/parishes present on a past or current project that is regionally beneficial for flooding.
MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	The LWI calendar will be disseminated in the near future.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	A motion was made by Donald Bergeron and seconded by John Clark to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. <i>VOTE: 5-0-3: Yea -5; 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	February 10 at 10am
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ATTENDANCE RECORD	
ATTENDEES	<u>Delegates Present:</u> Acadia Parish - Earl Garber Evangeline - Donald Bergeron Iberville - John Clark Lafayette – Jessica Cornay Vermilion - Ralph Libersat <u>Others Present</u> Rachel Godeaux , APC Kelia Bingham , APC Alicia Wiltz , APC Kade Jones , APC

	<u>Others Present Virtually</u> Nicolette Jones, OCD-LWI Sara Gary, APC
ABSENTEES	<u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u> Avoyelles – Jacob Coco Pointe Coupee – Mark Ward St. Mary - Tim Matte

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