

APRIL 17, 2020 LWI REGION 8 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MATERIALS

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LWI Region 8 Steering Committee

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, & St. Charles Parishes

LWI Region 8 Steering Committee Meeting

April 17, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- I. Regional Steering Committee Introductions**
 - a.** A brief overview of online meeting procedures
- II. LWI Program Overview presented by State LWI Representatives**
- III. Steering Committee Work Plan Development**
- IV. Future Meeting Times and Dates**
- V. Questions/Adjourn (*vote required*)**

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LWI Capacity Building Grant – Region 8 Application Coordination Meeting

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I. Virtual Meeting Procedures

- a. A brief overview of online meeting procedures

II. Committee Roll Call

Present

- Tyler Antrup
- Derek Boese
- Stephanie Bruning
- Jessica Dandridge
- Ken Dugas
- Matt Falati
- Danielle Honor
- Albertine Kimble
- Maggie Talley

Absent

- Ronald Carrere, Jr.
- Blaise Pezold

III. Regional Steering Committee Introductions

- a. **Tyler Antrup**- Director of Planning and Strategy at the Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans.
 - i. Watershed Interest: how to reduce flooding.
 - ii. Past experience: green infrastructure and nature-based solutions.
- b. **Derek Boese**- Chief Administrative Officer for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East.
 - i. Watershed Interest: levees and floodwalls, for the hurricane system on the East bank, as well as the Mississippi River levee
- c. **Stephanie Bruning**- Grants Officer for St. Charles Parish
 - i. Watershed Interest: How to protect residents, industries, and the parish.
 - ii. Past experience: Long range planning, regional planning, current planning, historic preservation.
- d. **Jessica Dandridge**- Executive Director of the Water Collaborative
 - i. Watershed Collaborative: focuses on various sectors in the water, management and kind of adaptation sectors.
- e. **Ken Dugas**- Parish Engineer for Plaquemines Parish
 - i. LWI Interest: how to find funding to improve the parish

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- f. **Matt Falati**- Director of Public Works for St. Bernard Parish I've been here for about a year, but my previous employment for 23 years, I've worked in pretty much every parish in the Southeast Louisiana region
 - i. Past experience: familiarity with all the drainage issues, throughout Southeast Louisiana
- g. **Danielle Honor** - St. Charles Parish Floodplain Specialist.
 - i. LWI Interest: how to find funding to improve the parish.
- h. **Albertine Kimble**- retired coastal program manager for Plaquemines Parish govt.
 - i. Watershed Interest: Utilizing the wetlands its fullest extent
 - ii. Past experience: Coastal restoration issues, coastal use permitting in the main watershed and Mississippi River
- i. **Maggie Talley**- Director of Flood Plain Management and Hazard Mitigation for Jefferson Parish
 - i. LWI Goal: Jefferson Parish Resident safety and reduce flood insurance premiums via CRS

IV. LWI, RCBG Program Overview

- a. Purpose of LWI Program
 - To serve as the program where floodplain management responsibilities are coordinated across federal, state and local agencies.
 - To build a foundation of data, projects, policies, standards and guidance via expert advisors.
- b. Why
 - The Initiative is poised to serve as a model for maximizing the financial, intellectual and government resources to ensure long-term sustainability and safety for all Louisiana residents
- c. Approved Funding Uses
 - Watershed coordination activities & establishment
 - Public outreach & engagement
 - Floodplain Management
- d. Regional Capacity Building Grant
 - Will last approximately 3 years (has changed due to funding deadlines)
 - The grant is \$400,000 spread over the 3-year period,
 - The RPC is the Region 8 fiscal agent and grant recipient.
 - Grant Timeline:
 1. October 31: project inventory list ready Round 1 funding recommendations
 2. January 15, 2021: first coalition meeting
 3. April 30, 2022: grant funding ends

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V. Steering Committee Structure

- a. Items that will be included in the steering Committee structure:
 - Conformity with the state open meetings law
 - Members avoiding conflict of interest
 - How the committee will be dissolved.
- i. As soon as these are completed a copy will be sent out for comments to be considered for adoption at the next meeting.
- b. Chairperson and Vice Chair Selection
 - i. Committee Chair: Jessica Dandridge volunteered
 1. Moved by: Maggie Talley; Seconded by: Tyler Antrup
 2. 100% in favor of Jessica Dandridge
 - ii. Committee Vice Chair: Tyler Antrup volunteered
 1. Moved by: Danielle Honor; Seconded by: Maggie Talley
 2. 100% in favor of Tyler Antrup

VI. Steering Committee Work Plan Development

- a. A template has been provided by OCD but the template needs more specifics for Region 8.
 - i. Specifications to consider include: level of regional outreach to both the public and to local officials
 - ii. Please think of watershed priorities for the next meeting

VII. Future Meeting Times and Dates

- a. Introduction from OCD's Nicolette Jones:
 - i. Nicolette works for the Office of Community Development, specifically with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative
 - ii. LWI's major goal is to really change the paradigm to start thinking of reducing our flood risk in a watershed-based way

VIII. Public Comment and Questions

- a. none

IX. Adjourn

- a. Moved by: Maggie Talley; Seconded by: Jessica Dandridge
- b. 100% in favor to adjourn