OCTOBER 22, 2020 LWI REGION 8 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MATERIALS

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   (vote required)

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   a. Updates & Comments from LWI state representatives  
   b. Updates from the RPC

V. Project Inventory Update

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X. Questions/Adjourn  (vote required)
LWI Region 8 Steering Committee
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, & St. Charles Parishes

LWI Capacity Building Grant – Region 8 Regional Steering Committee Meeting
October 22, 2020 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

I. Regional Watershed Planning
   a. Online meeting etiquette: Microphones/Phones on mute unless you are speaking
      Questions may be asked via question box
      Votes: Motion, second, & online poll or voice/email tally (committee members only)
      Public comments will be at end of meeting, notify staff via question box or verbally

II. Roll Call
   Present
   - Tyler Antrup
   - Jessica Dandridge
   - Stephanie Bruning
   - Danielle Honor
   - Derek Boese
   - Blaise Pezold
   - Ken Dugas
   - Matt Falati
   - Albertine Kimble
   - Michelle Gonzales

   Absent
   - Ronald Carrere, Jr.

   Guests
   - Nicolette Jones
   - Rachelle Sanderson
   - Hilda Lott
   - Nyka Scott
   - Mohamed Bagha
   - Jie Gu
   - Janice Lovett
   - Bradley Spiegel
   - Marvin McGraw
   - Kyle Galloway
   - Meagan Williams
   - Annie Landry

III. Approval of September 24, 2020 Minutes
   a. Moved by: Blaise Pezold; Seconded by: Derek Boese
   b. 100% in favor to approve the September 24, 2020 minutes.

IV. LWI Program Updates
   a. Updates from the state:
      - None
   b. Updates from the RPC:
      - None

V. Project Inventory Update
   a. The deadline for the Project Inventory list is October 31st. If you have questions or
      would like help entering your projects please contact the RPC.

VI. Regional Watershed Planning
   a. Presented by the RPC and Chairwoman Jessica Dandridge
   b. By planning as a watershed the region can experience benefits like increased
      coordination and financing, data management, and provides a regulation authority.
C. Examples of successful regional coalitions include the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (government-funded), Colorado Watershed Resilience Pilot Program (a nonprofit), and Sweden’s Sea & Water Authority (hybrid funding model).
   - Regional planning can increase social equity, efficient use of existing resources, and saves recovery dollars.

d. The Urban Water Plan was published in 2013 by Greater New Orleans Inc., and funded by the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit which includes St. Bernard Parish, the east bank of Orleans, and Jefferson Parish.
   - The Urban Water Plan helped to increase public and private sector awareness.

e. Nicolette Jones, LWI state representative, recapped the LWI governance exercise regional flood risk concern analysis.
   - Flood Risk Concern 1: We need more funding to adequately operate and maintain our drainage infrastructure.
   - Flood Risk Concern 2: Our existing drainage infrastructure is not designed to meet current & future flood risks.

VII. Coalition Governance
   a. To streamline the coalition planning process a working group will be established.

VIII. Coalition Working Group
   a. The working group will meet once between the October and November committee meetings and once between the November and December committee meetings.
      - The purpose of this group will be to determine the function of the coalition. The working group will bring their suggestions to the full steering committee.

   b. Please complete the coalition working group survey. If you know any community members that would like to be on the committee please forward their contact information to the RPC.

IX. Public Comment
   a. None

X. Question/Adjourn
   a. Moved by: Tyler Antrup; Seconded by: Blaise Pezold
   b. 100% in favor to adjourn
October 22, 2020 Meeting Poll Responses

Do you feel like a regional entity is worth pursuing?
9 responses

* How do you think your parish could benefit from regional watershed planning?
9 responses

- Our Parish has deep seeded isolationism and the small amount of money we have is usually wasted on maintenance or kick backs to contractors.
- A central hub for watershed/floodplain policy & planning.
- Sharing resources/reducing duplication
- Keeping up to date with current technologies used by others
- Have more strength as a group but infighting on funding is inevitable.
- I am already a multi-parish agency
- Yes. Increased funding and authority over projects.
- We are always stronger in numbers.
- To discuss adverse effects of projects on the parish from outside the parish.