

# OCTOBER 22, 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

## I. Regional Steering Committee Introductions

## II. Roll Call

## III. Approval of September 24, 2020 Minutes

*(vote required)*

## IV. LWI Program Updates

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

## V. Project Inventory Update

## VI. Regional Watershed Planning Background

## VII. Coalition Governance

## VIII. Coalition Working Group

## IX. Public Comment

## X. Questions/Adjourn *(vote required)*

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

### Regional Planning Commission Attendees

- Tom Haysley: Principal Planner
- Stephanie Steele: Transportation Planner
- Malissa Givhan: Public Outreach Coordinator
- Leslie Couvillion: Senior Planner

## 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.

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- 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

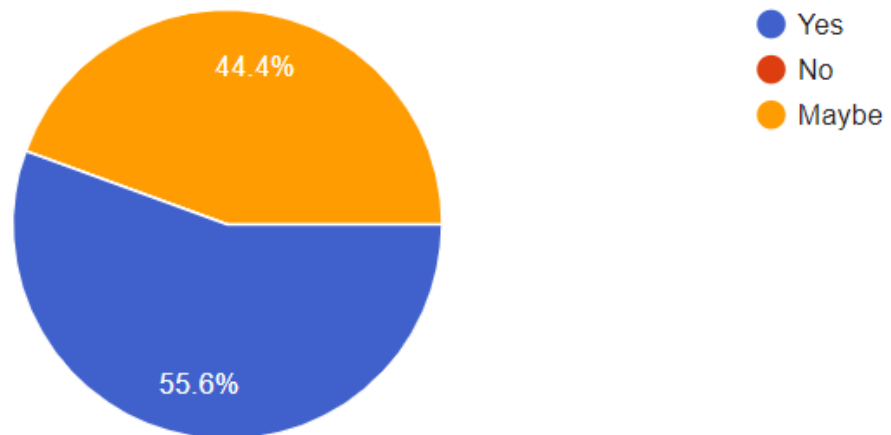
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## October 22, 2020 Meeting Poll Responses

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.