

# LWI REGION 8 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET April 22, 2021

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## LWI Capacity Building Grant – Region 8 Regional Steering Committee Meeting

April 22, 2021 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

### Agenda

- I. **Regional Steering Committee Introductions**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of March 25, 2021 Minutes** *(vote required)*
- IV. **LWI Program Updates**
  - a. Updates from the RPC
  - b. Updates & Comments from LWI state representatives
- V. **Watershed Management Funding Presentation**
- VI. **Outreach Update**
- VII. **Round 1 Selection Formula** *(vote required)*
- VIII. **Public Comment**
- IX. **Questions/Adjourn** *(vote required)*

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### Minutes

#### I. Regional Steering Committee Introductions

- a. Online meeting etiquette: Microphones/Phones on mute unless you are speaking. Questions may be asked via the question box. Votes: Motion, second, & voice/chat box tall (committee members only). Public comments will be at the end of the meeting, notify staff via question box or verbally.

#### II. Roll Call

- a. Present
  - i. Tyler Antrup
  - ii. Derek Boese
  - iii. Stephanie Bruning
  - iv. Ken Dugas
  - v. Danielle Honor
  - vi. Matt Falati
  - vii. Albertine Kimble
  - viii. Blaise Pezold
  - ix. Maggie Talley
- b. Absent
  - i. Jessica Dandridge
  - ii. Meagan Williams

#### III. Approval of February 25, 2021 Minutes

- a. Moved by: Maggie Talley Seconded by: Albertine Kimble
- b. 100% in favor to approve the March 25, 2021 minutes.

#### IV. LWI Program Updates

- a. Updates from the RPC (Tom Haysley)
  - i. Stephanie Steele leaving RPC on March 26, 2021
  - ii. Derek Boese will be leaving his role at the Flood Protection Authority. He will be replaced at the FPA by Kelli Chandler. She may fill his role on the committee, or they may appoint another member. This will happen before the April meeting. RPC staff will update Kelli on the program at her earliest convenience.
  - iii. The state has produced a white paper on regional watershed management funding strategies. RPC will forward the white paper to RSC members and there will be a

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- iv. presenter at the April meeting who will discuss the results of the research.
- iv. RPC is working on getting speakers for future meetings. The first will likely be on trauma-informed policy making.
- v. RSC may be able to hold in-person meetings in the near future. RPC staff will discuss preferences with RSC members and monitor state and city regulations.
- b. Updates & Comments from LWI state representatives (Nicolette Jones)
  - i. The state is hosting a webinar on 3/31/21, registration is available. Speakers from St. John River watershed management district in Florida will be presenting on what agency does overall and their permitting process. They will provide best practices and insight.
  - ii. The state recently announced \$163 million in state-selected projects funded by CDBG-MIP funding. The list of projects and their purpose is available online.
  - iii. At the Council on Watershed Management meeting on 3/24/21 Malissa Givhan and Tom Haysley spoke about the provisional governance recommendations

## V. Outreach Update

- a. Current Status (Tom Haysley)
  - i. Branding kit is complete and ready to be used.
  - ii. Written outreach and engagement strategies are underway. They will build on previous discussions and the toolkit provided by the state. RPC will work with Henry Consulting, who are under contract with the state, to complete outreach tasks.
  - iii. RPC working on an asset map and contact database.
- b. Next Steps (Tom Haysley)
  - i. RPC staff will update parish, city, and agency leadership on LWI program status, particularly governance recommendations. Staff will be reaching out to committee members to identify best strategy for updating leadership.
  - ii. The regional website will be updated to include more information, and social media accounts will be created.
  - iii. Public information and education campaigns will be created along with outreach and education strategies.
  - iv. Staff will be contacting other entities to link LWI work with work that is currently underway by other groups.
- c. Malissa Givhan provided an update on ongoing contact database development.

## VI. Round 1 Project Selection Priorities

- a. Tom Haysley explained the regional project selection priorities.
  - i. In order to make recommendations on which Round 1 applications should be selected, the RSC needs to provide to the state a list of priorities that will be used to select projects for recommendation. At the last RSC meeting the committee

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decided to use the state's selection criteria but weight them according to regional priorities. RPC staff surveyed committee members to identify priority rankings.

- ii. The category priorities are as follows: (1) Effectiveness in minimizing risk; (2) enhancement of natural functions; (3) Social benefits; (4) Benefit to most impacted and distressed parishes; (5) Project costs and project implementation.
- b. Derek Boese asked how the state scores will be weighted using the committee's priorities. Some category average rankings were substantially higher than others and the weighting should reflect this. Tom Haysley stated that the average committee rankings will be used to weight the state scores and that the formula will be presented to the committee at the April, 2021 meeting.
- c. Vote to approve selection priorities:
  - i. Moved by: Derek Boese; Seconded by: Blaise Pezold
  - ii. 100% in favor to approve the selection priorities as presented.

## VII. Public Comment

- a. Stephanie Steele thanked the committee for their time and cooperation while working at RPC.

## VIII. Questions / Adjourn

- a. Vote to adjourn
  - i. Moved by: Blaise Pezold; Seconded by: Derek Boese
  - ii. 100% in favor to adjourn.