

Action Summary



LWI Region 5 Steering Committee

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



AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, & COMMITTEE ROLL CALL	<p>Donald Bergeron of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance both in person and virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live at facebook.com/AcadianaPlanningCommission. The meeting was made available to the public via live stream on Facebook Live. The recording of the full meeting is available at planacadiana.org/watershed/lwi-region-5/.</p> <p>“Opening Statement: Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to this public meeting of the Region 5 Steering Committee. I am Donald Bergeron, representative of Evangeline 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>
ROLL CALL & PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Kelia Bingham of Acadiana Planning Commission called roll for the steering committee members’ attendance. A quorum was present.</p>

<p>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES</p>	<p>A quorum was not present so the December 9, 2021 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes will be approved at the April 14, 2022 Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Action summaries from the sub-committee meetings were distributed to the Region 5 Steering Committee members for their reference.</p>
<p>LWI PROGRAM VIDEO</p>	<p>This 5-minute video was produced by LWI consultant, the Spears Group and gives a personal perspective of why we need LWI and regional watershed coordination and management. The video can be viewed at this link: https://vimeo.com/642506023/4fe76c5890</p>
<p>LA WATERSHED INITIATIVE UPDATES</p>	<p>Pat Forbes, Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) provided an update on the LWI program. Pat oversees the state’s Community Development Block Grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Pat’s oversight includes housing, economic development, infrastructure, and planning programs for hurricane recovery, the Small Cities program, and the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. Pat Forbes did ask what were the RSC’s thoughts on the LWI Outreach Video – more specific videos are needed to show the work that has been and is being done by RSCs; we should have had this video much earlier.</p>
<p>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS</p> <p>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>GOVERNANCE AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINIABILITY</p>	<p>The CIP Subcommittee met on January 6, 2022. LWI updated the subcommittee on the Design Support Pilot Program and Round 2. Round 1 project applications that were unfunded but are still viable will have rolling announcements for the Design Support and Pilot Program. Round 2 project funding is expected to be announced at the end of 2022. FEMA BRIC funding could be applied to the Upper Bayou Nezpique Project, which involves the installation of retention ponds for watershed protection, flood prevention, agricultural water management and recreation. The Evangeline Parish Police Jury did not purse BRIC funding this year, but plan to do so next year. This regional project would benefit 6 parishes in Region 5 in the Mermentau Watershed. Additional project meetings will be scheduled this year in preparation for next year’s FEMA BRIC application.</p> <p>The Region 5 Action Plan was updated and reviewed. The Region 5 Comprehensive Project Inventory is complete. There is an online survey link that will soon be distributed to each parish in Region 5 to begin collecting past, present or conceptual regional watershed projects. Parishes can present on their projects at the next steering committee meeting in April.</p> <p>—</p> <p>The Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Subcommittee was scheduled to meet on 01/20, but the meeting was canceled. We decided to cancel the meeting as we had no update on the legislative packet. The next Governance meeting is scheduled for 03/17.</p>
<p>WATERSHED MODELING UPDATE – LA DOTD</p>	<p>Billy Williamson is the Program Manager of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development’s Statewide Flood Control Program. This program is designed to help solve flood problems through an active, innovative approach. This Program uses state funds allocated each year by the Legislature to assist in the construction of flood control</p>

	<p>infrastructure. The Mermentau Model could be done as soon as May 2022. The goal is for all models to be validated and submitted by October 2023.</p> <p>DOTD is one of the five state agencies that comprise the LWI Council on Watershed Management and is overseeing the state watershed (hydraulic and hydrologic) modeling for all 8 watershed regions.</p>
SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p>All meetings will be held in the same format. R5SC members may participate in-person and the public is encouraged to attend online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIP Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, March 3rd, 10am – 12pm • Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Meeting, Thursday, March 17th, 10am – 12pm • Regional Steering Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 14th, 10am – 12pm
MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	<p>The Comprehensive Project Inventory Survey is complete.</p> <p>The LWI Region 5 CRS User Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2022. There will be a guest speaker from FEMA who will present on Risk Rating 2.0.</p> <p>The LWI Nature Based Solutions Training webinar (Module No. 4) will be take place on 02/16. The subject is nature-based solutions in roadway projects and programs.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	<p>A motion was made by Earl Garber and seconded by Jessica Cornay to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p>VOTE: 10-0-6: Yea –10; Nay – 0; Absent – 6</p>
MEETING DETAILS	
CONTACT	<p>Kelia Bingham, LWI Region 5 Watershed Coordinator, (337) 446-0807</p> <p>Rachel Godeaux, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9373</p> <p>Kade Jones, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9376</p>
NEXT REGION 5 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	February 10, 2022 at 10am

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<p>ATTENDANCE RECORD</p>	
<p>ATTENDEES</p>	<p><u>Delegates Present:</u> Avoyelles – Jacob Coco Cameron – Scooter Trosclair Evangeline - Donald Bergeron Iberia – Larry Richard Lafayette –Jessica Cornay Rapides – Matt Johns St. Martin – Kasey Courville St. Mary - Tim Matte Vermilion - Ralph Libersat APC Appoint – Dr. Emad Habib APC Appoint - Pamela Granger</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Monique Boulet, APC Rachel Godeaux, APC Kelia Bingham, APC Alicia Wiltz, APC Kade Jones, APC Alex Guillory, Blue Wing Consultants, Lafayette Parish Nicolette Jones, OCD-LWI Keefe Carney, APC</p>
<p>ABSENTEES</p>	<p><u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u> Acadia Parish - Earl Garber Allen - Gardner Rose Calcasieu - Terry Frelot Iberville - John Clark Jefferson Davis – John Marceaux Pointe Coupee – Mark Ward St. Landry - Karl Aucoin APC Appoint - Donald Sagrera</p>

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