

Action Summary

LWI Region 5

Governance & Long-term Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting



10am-12pm, Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Rosa Parks Transportation Center
Multipurpose Room 116
101 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA 70501



AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME	<p>Matt Johns of Rapides Parish called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. 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 the LWI Region 5 Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting. I am Matt Johns, representative of Rapides 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>
COMMITTEE 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><i>(Formal Action)</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Donald Sagrera and seconded by Donald Bergeron to approve the meeting minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting LWI Region 5 Governance & Long-term Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>VOTE: 4-0-2: Yea –4; Nay – 0; Absent – 2</p> <p>Action summaries from the sub-committee meetings were distributed to the Region 5 Steering Committee members for their reference.</p>
<p>LA WATERSHED INITIATIVE UPDATES</p>	<p>Brad Spiegel of LA OCD announced the following update:</p> <p><u>Working with Nature Training Series</u> – LWI hosted the first Working with Nature Training series webinar with an introduction to working with nature and the Vermilion River case study on Oct. 20, 2021. A recording is available at https://vimeo.com/637983578. The second module in the series will be hosted on November 17, 2021.</p>
<p>REGIONAL ENABLING LEGISLATION</p>	<p>The Governor’s office is now working on a draft legislative package. They are using the regional recommendations presented to the Council on Watershed Management on August 5th. The package will contain the regional and statewide framework (regions under the state). This framework will be turned into a draft legislative bill. The Council is working under the Governor’s Executive Order to make coordinated watershed management long term. A draft legislative package (bill) is expected by the end of 2021 or early 2022. Once the Governor approves the draft, the Watershed Coordinators can provide information that is in the bill to Committee Members.</p> <p><u>Legislative Outreach Event: Collaborative/Trans-Regional Legislative Round Table in January</u> - Region 5 held a legislative round table event in April. There is a goal to host another in January before the legislative session, but this time, APC would like to work with the surrounding regions to have a combined round table event (e.g., Regions 4, 5, & 6).</p>
<p>FLOOD COORDINATION</p>	<p>A discussion was facilitated to answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which local or regional stakeholders may be willing to serve as LWI champions 2. What concerns the committee may have as the enabling of legislation by the state approaches 3. Current needs of the committee regarding the enabling of legislation
<p>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting, Thursday, December 9th, 10am – 12pm • Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, January 6th, 10am – 12pm • Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Meeting, Thursday, January 20th, 10am – 12pm

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	Comprehensive Project Inventory – The project inventory developed by the CIP Subcommittee is being updated with projects that have been awarded or expected to be active in some way, as well as HMGP projects. The repository will continue to be updated with the projects that the region would like to see funded.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	<p>A motion was made by Donald Bergeron and seconded by Donald Segrara to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 4-0-2:</i> <i>Yea –4;</i> <i>Nay – 0;</i> <i>Absent – 2</i></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	December 9, 10am
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ATTENDANCE RECORD	
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Delegates Present:</u></p> <p>Evangeline - Donald Bergeron Rapides – Matt Johns APC Appointee – Emad Habib APC Appointee – Donald Segrara</p> <p><u>Others Present</u></p> <p>Rachel Godeaux, APC Kelia Bingham, APC Kade Jones, APC</p>

	Bradley Spiegel, OCD-LWI Nicolette Jones, OCD-LWI
ABSENTEES	<u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u> Iberia – Ben Langlinais (alternate designee) St. Martin – Kasey Courville (alternate designee)

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