

**Action Summary**

**Acadiana Watershed District Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**



10am-12pm, Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
Rosa Parks Transportation Center  
101 Jefferson St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501



**AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS**

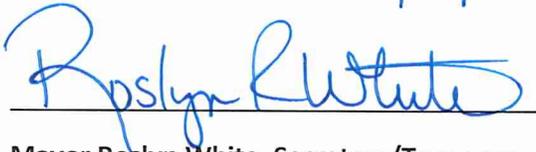
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; WELCOME</b>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Kelia Bingham, APC Watershed Coordinator.</p> <p>Opening Statement:</p> <p><i>" Welcome to public meeting of the Acadiana Watershed District's Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. I am Kelia Bingham, Watershed Coordinator for the District.</i></p> <p><i>Agendas are available at the room's entrance and were made available through the AWD email distribution list and online at planacadiana.org. For our records to reflect your attendance, please sign-in at the table and any Board or TAC members online, please add your name to the chat box.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of this public meeting is to consider items established by the agenda. Public input is welcome on these matters. For those wishing to speak in-person, please complete a speaker card and present it to the APC staff. Comments/questions will be read aloud during the public comment period. To ensure an orderly meeting, members of the public will 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. This will be strictly enforced. Thank you."</i></p>
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	<p>Kelia Bingham led the Pledge of Allegiance, and all stood and recited the pledge.</p>
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<p>Roll call was taken by Kelia Bingham.</p>

<p><b>ACTION SUMMARY APPROVAL FROM JULY 17<sup>TH</sup></b></p>	<p>Kelia Bingham reviewed the meeting minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Jessica Cornay motioned to accept the minutes and Brent seconded the motion. All were in favor.</p> <p>VOTE: YEA – 9 NAY – 0 ABSENT - 1</p>
<p><b>REVIEW OF PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS</b></p>	<p>The group discussed changes to the project review process, including a new third component that evaluates regulatory and permitting requirements, environmental concerns, and changes since the project's initial proposal.</p> <p>The group also discussed whether to prioritize project criteria ranking or modeling. Previously, the group had decided that any potential project should be run through the LWI watershed model first, then using the criteria to rank a project. The watershed model can help determine the benefit vs. cost of the project. However, in the future this order would depend on funding and number of projects.</p> <p>The Resilience Matrix &amp; NBS Explorer Tool were discussed as using both as additional tools. There will be an instructional video from CPEX coming soon on how to use the matrix. Also, there will be upcoming public training for the NBS Explorer Tool.</p>
<p><b>PROJECT MOCK EVALUATION DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>Kelia Bingham stated that at last week’s Board meeting, the Board was asked to bring multi-jurisdictional projects (where the project benefits at least two parishes) to the February meeting. These projects can be ranked by the TAC using the criteria and then model the project (potentially by UL, we need to figure out cost as the leftover funds must be spent by the end of December as that is when the LWI contract ends).</p> <p>Once potential regional projects are received from the parishes, the TAC can evaluate these projects – criteria &amp; model run through. This can be done with the TAC via online meetings.</p> <p>The TAC also agreed that the project rating can be updated as more information is available. Also, to run a project through the model, the parish will need to have survey data. This must be provided by the parish as there are no funds available for survey or engineering and design of a project. The TAC also stressed the importance of the Ground Truthing Flood Risk Survey as the source of flooding must first be known before recommending flood mitigation strategies and projects. Kelia Bingham will send a follow-up to Board members (as well as Parish Presidents and Police Jury Presidents) after this meeting to participate in the flood risk survey and add projects to the inventory. These are available through online tools.</p> <p>Steps were outlined for board members to submit projects, which will then be evaluated and reviewed by a technical advisory committee. The group also discussed</p>

	<p>funding sources for engineering costs associated with project modeling, noting that while there is currently no dedicated funding for engineering, there may be opportunities for federal funding in the future.</p>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES</b>	<p>There were no updates.</p>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am</p>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Jessica Cornay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Brent Domingue seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:30 am.</p>
<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>	
<b>CONTACT</b>	<p>Kelia Bingham, LWI Region 5 Watershed Coordinator  kbingham@planacadiana.org or (337) 446-0807</p>
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<b>ATTENDANCE RECORD</b>	
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b><u>Delegates Present:</u></b>  TVFWD – Whitney Broussard for Donald Sagrera  UL Watershed Flood Center – Emad Habib  USDA/NRCS – Andrew Coombs  DOTD – Brent Domingue  CPRA – Dion Broussard  USACE – Issac Mudge  At-Large Member – Jessica Cornay</p>

<b>ABSENTEES</b>	At-Large Member – Richard Greig At-Large Member - Cassidy Lejeune
	<b><u>Others Present</u></b> APC – Sara Gary APC – Kelia Bingham APC – Sean Reed APC – Kade Jones CPRA – Ivy Thibodeaux South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center – Dr. Sharon Hausum

Minutes approved on 02/26/26 by the Acadiana Watershed District Board.



Mayor Roslyn White, Secretary/Treasurer  
Acadiana Watershed District