

**SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAYOR HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM  
MAY 15, 2019, 12:00 PM**

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) Executive Committee met on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the SETRPC Mayor Homer E. Nagel Room. SETRPC President John Gothia, Commissioner, Orange County, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Councilmember Mary Adams, City of Kountze, gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Judge Wayne McDaniel, Hardin County  
Mr. Fred Jackson, Attorney, Representative for Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County  
Commissioner Michael "Shane" Sinegal, Jefferson County  
Commissioner John Gothia, Orange County  
Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County  
Commissioner Robert Viator, Orange County  
Councilmember Michael Getz, Representative for the Mayor, City of Beaumont  
Mayor Pro Tem Robin Mouton, City of Beaumont  
Mayor Rebecca Ford, City of Bevil Oaks  
Mayor David Rutledge, City of Bridge City  
Councilmember Kirk Roccaforte, City of Bridge City  
Mayor William T. Sanders, City of China  
Councilmember Mary Adams, City of Kountze  
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest  
Councilmember Charlotte Moses, City of Port Arthur  
Mayor Glenn Johnson, City of Port Neches  
Mayor John Durkay, City of Taylor Landing  
Mayor Kimberly Stiebig, City of Vidor  
Councilmember Angela Jordan, City of Vidor  
Mr. Joshua W. Allen, Sr., President, Jefferson County Drainage District #6  
Dr. LaWanda Finney, Coordinator, Port Arthur ISD  
Mr. Tony Aguilar, Jr., Director of Operations & Maintenance, Beaumont ISD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT**

Commissioner L.W. "Nubbin" Cooper, Hardin County  
Commissioner Chris Kirkendall, Hardin County  
Commissioner Ken Pelt, Hardin County  
Commissioner Alvin Roberts, Hardin County  
Commissioner Everette "Bo" Alfred, Jefferson County  
Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County  
Commissioner Brent Weaver, Jefferson County  
Judge Carl Thibodeaux, Orange County  
Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp, Orange County  
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Bevil Oaks  
Councilmember Renae McGlashen, City of China  
Mayor Brad Bailey, City of Groves  
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Groves  
Mayor Fred Williams, City of Kountze  
Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton  
Councilmember David Maniscalco, City of Lumberton  
Mayor Don Albanese, City of Nederland  
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Nederland  
Mayor Kerry Abney, City of Nome  
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Nome  
Mayor Larry Spears, City of Orange  
Councilmember Brad Childs, City of Orange  
Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Singleton, City of Pine Forest  
Mayor Pete Runnels, City of Pinehurst  
Mayor Pro Tem Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst  
Mayor Derrick Freeman, City of Port Arthur  
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Arnold, City of Port Neches  
Mayor Bonnie Stephenson, City of Rose City  
Councilmember Jayme McGlothlin, City of Rose City  
Mayor David Lang, City of Rose Hill Acres

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT, Continued**

Councilmember Cindy Mason, City of Rose Hill Acres  
Mayor Mike Tomas, City of Silsbee  
Councilmember Sue Bard, City of Silsbee  
Mayor Bruce Robinson, City of Sour Lake  
Councilmember Shane Rich, City of Sour Lake  
Councilmember Phil Owens, City of Taylor Landing  
Mayor Roy McDonald, City of West Orange  
Mayor Pro Tem Shirley Bonnin, City of West Orange  
Mr. Nicholas Carter, President, Lumberton Municipal Utility District  
Mr. Brad Haggquist, General Manager, Mauriceville Special Utility District  
Mr. Hal Ross, Jefferson County, WCID #10  
Mr. Norman Blackman, General Manager, Orange County WCID #1 (Vidor)  
Mr. Tom Woolley, President, Orange County WCID #2 (West Orange)  
Mr. Leroy McCall, Jr., Jefferson County Drainage District #3  
Mr. Richard Beaumont, Commissioner, Jefferson County Drainage District #7  
Mr. Don Carona, General Manager, Orange County Drainage District  
Mr. Fritz Erbeling, President, Hardin County Emergency Services District #2  
Vacant, Jefferson County Emergency Services District #1  
Mr. Daniel J. Diaz, Jefferson County Emergency Services District #3  
Mr. Joe Parkhurst, President, Orange County Emergency Services District #3  
Mr. Scott Hall, General Manager, Lower Neches Valley Authority  
Ms. Lorrie Taylor, Port Director & CEO, Orange County Navigation & Port District  
Mr. Lee Smith, President, Port of Beaumont  
Mr. John Comeaux, Commissioner, Port of Port Arthur  
Mr. Ken Duhon, Commissioner, Sabine-Neches Navigation District of Jefferson County  
Ms. Ann Galassi, Assistant General Manager, Sabine River Authority  
Mr. Todd Lintzen, Superintendent, Bridge City ISD  
Dr. Dwaine K. Augustine, Superintendent, Hamshire-Fannett ISD  
Mr. Dale Fontenot, Director of Information Services, Port Neches-Groves ISD  
Dr. Jay Killgo, Superintendent, Vidor ISD

**STATE DELEGATION EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES (Non-Voting) PRESENT**

Mr. Ivan Canales, District Director, Representative for State Senator Brandon Creighton  
Ms. Kimberly Cline, Community Relations, Representative for State Rep. James White,  
Dist. 19

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, SETRPC  
Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC  
Mr. Jim Borel, Director, Finance, SETRPC  
Ms. Sue Landry, Director, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division (CJHSD)  
Ms. Glenda Lacy, Director, Disaster Recovery Division (DRD)  
Ms. Cherika Gathers, Lead Quality Assurance, DRD  
Ms. Jodie Meaux, Fiscal Contract, DRD  
Ms. Collin Sheldon, Compliance Manager, DRD  
Ms. Ana Davidson, Receptionist/Office Assistant, SETRPC  
Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources (T&ER)  
Ms. Colleen Halliburton, Director, Community Services Division (CSD)  
Ms. Tyronna McKenzie, Director, South East Texas Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)  
Ms. Crystal Petry, Director, Golden Triangle RSVP  
Ms. Charlotte Williams, Program Coordinator, AARP Experience Corps.  
Mr. Pete De La Cruz, Director, 9-1-1 Emergency Network  
Mr. Jeff Wilmore, Program Specialist, 9-1-1 Emergency Network  
Ms. Lori Viator, Administrative Assistant, 9-1-1 Emergency Network

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Mr. Jason Fuller, Southeast Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz  
Mr. John McCaffey, Staff, Senator Ted Cruz

Councilman Doug Emmons, City of Bevil Oaks  
 Ms. Jennifer Harris, Gov. Relations, Texas General Land Office (GLO)  
 Ms. Rhonda Masters, Outreach Coordinator, GLO  
 Mr. Darrin Little, Technical Writer, GLO  
 Mr. Shawn M. Strange, Project Manager, GLO-CDR  
 Mr. Zachary Stern, GLO  
 Mr. Dave Rogers, *Orange County Record*, Reporter  
 Mr. Jonathan McClellan, Director, AT&T

**19-037 APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*(Mailed in Packets to Each Executive Committee Member)*

➤ Mr. Joshua W. Allen, Sr., President, Jefferson County Drainage #6, made a motion to approve the April 17, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes. Mayor Rebecca Ford, City of Bevil Oaks, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**19-038 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2019 TREASURER’S REPORT & APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

➤ Mayor Rebecca Ford, City of Bevil Oaks, made a motion to approve the March 2019 Treasurer’s Report and the Investment Report for Quarter ended March 31, 2019. Commissioner Michael “Shane” Sinegal, Jefferson County, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**19-039 DISASTER RECOVERY DIVISION**

Ms. Glenda Lacy, Director, Disaster Recovery Division (DRD), gave an update on Harvey Short Term Recovery (FEMA Project) as shown below.

**Harvey Short Term Recovery Update (FEMA Project)**

|   | Hardin Co. | Jefferson Co. | Orange Co. | Grand Total |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Units Removed, Permanent Solutions Achieved         | 220        | 603           | 511        | 1334        |
| Units on Site, Monthly Recertifications In Progress | 32         | 89            | 76         | 197         |
| <b>Total Units Assigned to SETRPC COG</b>           | <b>252</b> | <b>692</b>    | <b>587</b> | <b>1531</b> |
| Units Withdrawn or Ineligible                       | 31         | 142           | 121        | 294         |
| Status Unavailable; file transferred to FEMA        | 2          | 14            | 18         | 34          |

Next, Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Zach Stern, Mr. Shawn Strange and Mr. Darrin Little, GLO staff, who will be holding a brief stakeholders meeting at 1:00 pm in the SETRPC Mayor Homer E. Nagel Room, following the SETRPC Executive Committee. The meeting will be regarding input on priorities for the \$4.383 billion in disaster mitigation funds.

**19-040 TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION**

➤ Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources (T&ER), reported that the 2020 Census is fast approaching and the SETRPC is committed to promoting awareness of the Census and We Are Counting on You to Stand Strong for Southeast Texas by participating. Census data is used to allocate Congressional seats and to distribute \$675 billion in federal funds to communities each year.

The SETRPC maintains a database of regional demographic data and provides population projections for the region to assist in economic growth and development. And, the SETRPC will continue to encourage census participation to maximize fund allocations for area programs and projects.

In order to increase the region’s self-response rate, the SETRPC is establishing a Regional 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, which Jefferson County Commissioner Michael Shane Sinegal has agreed to chair. Each jurisdiction is asked to appoint a representative to serve on this very important committee. A form will be sent (and was available in each member’s packet) to complete and return for their jurisdiction’s committee appointment. If any questions arise concerning the 2020 Census, Mr. Dickinson may be contacted at (409) 899-8444 ext. 7520.

#### **19-041 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NETWORK**

➤ Mr. Pete De La Cruz, Director, 9-1-1 Emergency Network, provided an update on the implementation of Text-to-9-1-1 service. The SETRPC's Regional 9-1-1 Program began the final preparations to implement Text-to-9-1-1 service in Hardin, Orange and Jefferson Counties. Training for Administrators, Train the Trainer and Agent Training was completed in two sessions April 30th – May 2nd and May 7th – May 9th.

Text-to-9-1-1 service will allow citizens to send a text message directly to 9-1-1 for assistance in the event they are unable to make a voice call to 9-1-1. It takes longer to get all the information when communicating through text messages, and it requires messages from the 9-1-1 texter to be composed with complete words and phrases.

Also, the Text-to-9-1-1 SMS service is not yet universally implemented with all 9-1-1 PSAPS's. A caller will receive an automated response text message with instructions to call 9-1-1 for emergency service in areas without the Text to 9-1-1 service.

As part of the public education program, the 9-1-1 Emergency Network has created a Text-To-9-1-1 CALL IF YOU CAN...TEXT IF YOU CAN'T informational billboard, which will circulate through Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties. Also, the SETRPC website will be updated with Text to 9-1-1 educational material and a public service announcement created by the Texas School for the Deaf. For more information about Text-to-9-1-1, Mr. De La Cruz may be contacted at (409) 724-1911 or at [pdelacruz@setrpc.org](mailto:pdelacruz@setrpc.org). Updated information will also be provided at [www.setrpc.org](http://www.setrpc.org).

#### **19-042 FUTURE CALENDAR**

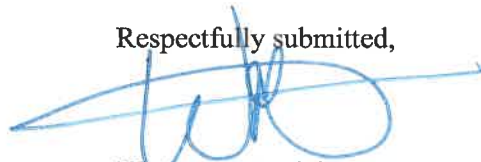
➤ Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, reminded those in attendance that the Texas GLO Stakeholders Meeting would take place in the Homer E. Nagel Room following Executive Committee at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Carver then noted that the SETRPC offices will be closed on May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day and that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 in the SETRPC Mayor Homer E. Nagel Room.

#### **19-043 OTHER, OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

➤ Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, congratulated Ms. Ana Davidson, Receptionist/Office Assistant, SETRPC, for having passed her United States citizenship test. The Oath of Office Ceremony for Ms. Davidson is the only thing pending and will probably take place in the middle of June or July 2019. Everyone in attendance congratulated Ms. Davidson for her accomplishment and becoming a U.S. citizen.

➤ There being no other, old and unfinished business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne McDaniel  
SETRPC Secretary  
Judge, Hardin County