

**SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
2210 EASTEX FREEWAY, BEAUMONT, TX
MAYOR HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
OCTOBER 19, 2022, 12:00 PM**

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) Executive Committee met on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. SETRPC President, Councilmember Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A roll call of Executive Committee members to establish a quorum was conducted by Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC. SETRPC 4th Vice-President, Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Judge Wayne McDaniel, Hardin County
Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County
Commissioner Everette "Bo" Alfred, Jefferson County
Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County
Judge John Gothia, Orange County
Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, Orange County
Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County
Mayor Robin Mouton, City of Beaumont
Councilmember Chris Durio, City of Beaumont
Councilmember Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Mayor Glenn Johnson, City of Port Neches
Mayor Pro Tem Sheila Faske, City of Rose City
Mayor John Durkay, City of Taylor Landing
Mayor Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Councilmember Jay Odom, City of West Orange
Mr. Josh Allen, Sr., President, Jefferson County Drainage District #6
Mr. Brad Haeggquist, General Manager, Mauriceville Utility District
Ms. Risa King, Information Specialist, Lower Neches Valley Authority

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Jr., Hardin County
Commissioner Chris Kirkendall, Hardin County
Commissioner Alvin Roberts, Hardin County
Commissioner Amanda Young, Hardin County
Commissioner Seth Martindale, Jasper County
Commissioner Vance Moss, Jasper County
Commissioner Roy Parker, Jasper County
Commissioner Willie Stark, Jasper County
Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County
Mr. Fred Jackson, Representative for Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County
Commissioner Darrell Bush, Jefferson County
Commissioner Michael Shane Sinegal, Jefferson County
Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp, Orange County
Commissioner Robert Viator, Orange County
Mayor Barbara Emmons, City of Bevil Oaks
Mayor Pro Tem Martha Vautrot, City of Bevil Oaks
Mayor David Rutledge, City of Bridge City
Mayor Kate Osborn, City of China
Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Lopez, City of China
Mayor Chris Borne, City of Groves
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Groves
Mayor Randy Sayers, City of Jasper
Councilmember Rashad Lewis, City of Jasper
Mayor Frank George, City of Kirbyville
Councilmember Amanda Gates, City of Kirbyville
Mayor Fred Williams, City of Kountze
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Adams, City of Kountze
Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton
Councilmember Kimberly Cline, City of Lumberton
Mayor Don Albanese, City of Nederland
Councilmember Sylvia Root, City of Nederland
Mayor Kerry Abney, City of Nome
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Nome
Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., City of Orange
Councilmember David C. Bailey, Representative for Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., City of Orange

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT, Continued

Councilmember Brad Childs, City of Orange
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest
Councilmember James McCullar, City of Pine Forest
Mayor Sara McClendon, City of Pinehurst
Councilmember Michael Shahan, City of Pinehurst
Mayor Thurman "Bill" Bartie, City of Port Arthur
Councilmember Charlotte Moses, City of Port Arthur
Councilmember Robert Arnold, City of Port Neches
Mayor Bonnie Stephenson, City of Rose City
Mayor David Lang, City of Rose Hill Acres
Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Mason, City of Rose Hill Acres
Mayor Kevin Garner, City of Silsbee
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Muckleroy, Representative for Mayor Kevin Garner, City of Silsbee
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Silsbee
Mayor Bruce Robinson, City of Sour Lake
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Sour Lake
Councilmember Phil Owens, City of Taylor Landing
Mayor Misty Songe, City of Vidor
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Vidor
Chief/EMC Mike Stelly, Representative for Mayor Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Mr. Nicholas Carter, President, Lumberton Municipal Utility District (MUD)
Mr. Jeremy Walton, Assistant General Mgr., Representative for Mr. Brad Haeggquist, Mauriceville Utility Dist.
Mr. Hal Ross, Director, Jefferson County WCID #10
Mr. Frank Inzer, Director, Orange County WCID #1 (Vidor)
Mr. Tom Woolley, President, Orange County WCID #2 (West Orange)
Mr. Leroy McCall, Jr., Commissioner, Jefferson County Drainage District #3 (DD3)
Mr. Richard Beaumont, Commissioner, Jefferson County Drainage District #7 (DD7)
Mr. Don Carona, General Manager, Orange County Drainage District
Mr. Fritz Erbeling, President, Hardin County Emergency Services District #2
Mr. Billy Ted Smith, Jasper County Emergency Services District #1
Mr. Sam Job, Jasper County Emergency Service District #4
Chief Chris Gonzales, Jefferson County ESD #1
Mr. Daniel J. Diaz, Jefferson County Emergency Services District #3
Vacant, Orange County Emergency Services District #3
Ms. Lorrie Taylor, Port Director & CEO, Orange County Navigation & Port District
Ms. Georgine Guillory, President, Port of Beaumont
Mr. John Comeaux, Commissioner, Port of Port Arthur
Mr. Ken Duhon, Commissioner, Sabine-Neches Navigation District
Ms. Holly Smith, Chief Financial Officer/Water Resources Mgr., Sabine River Authority
Mr. Roger Fussell, President, Southeast Texas Ground Water Conservation District
Dr. Shannon Allen, Superintendent, Beaumont ISD
Dr. Mike Kelly, Superintendent, Bridge City ISD
Dr. Dwaine K. Augustine, Superintendent, Hamshire-Fannett ISD
Dr. Mark Porterie, Superintendent, Port Arthur ISD
Ms. Julie Gauthier, Deputy Superintendent, Port Neches-Groves ISD

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, SETRPC
Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC
Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources Division (T&ER)
Ms. Tyronna McKenzie, Director, SETX Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)
Ms. Halie Smith, Director, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Mr. Jim Borel, Director, Finance, SETRPC
Ms. Sara Torres-Garcia, Director, Community Services Division (CSD)
Mr. Pete De La Cruz, Executive Director, 9-1-1 Emergency Network
Ms. Lori Viator, Administrative Assistant, 9-1-1 Emergency Network

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Blake Hopper, Deputy District Director, U.S. Representative Randy Weber
Ms. Cydnye Robinson, Outreach Coordinator, Texas General Land Office (GLO)
Mr. Terry Napper, Executive Director, Jasper Hospital District
Mr. Kenneth Williams, City Manager, City of Beaumont
Councilmember Anderson Land, Jr., City of Jasper

**22-054 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APPROVAL OF AUGUST 31, 2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES' CORRECTION OF
MEETING TIME/START TIME**

➤ Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, made a motion to approve the September 21, 2022, Executive Committee Minutes and to approve the August 31, 2022, Executive Committee Minutes correction of the meeting time from 12:00 pm to 10:00 am, and the correction of the time the meeting was called to order from 12:01 pm to 10:01 am. Judge Wayne McDaniel, Hardin County, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

22-055 APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

➤ Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, made a motion to approve the August 2022 Treasurer's Report. Councilmember Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

22-056 ADMINISTRATION

➤ SETRPC President, Councilmember Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City, announced the appointment of the nominating committee members for 2023 SETRPC officers. They are as follows:

- Chairperson - Mayor Pro Tem Mary Adams, SETRPC President 2021, Hardin County/Cities
- Former Mayor Rebecca Ford, SETRPC President 2020/2021, Jefferson County/Cities
- Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, SETRPC President 2016, Orange County/Cities
- Commissioner Roy Parker, Jasper County Commissioner, Jasper County/Cities

The Nominating Committee will meet before the next Executive Committee meeting to nominate SETRPC officers for 2023.

➤ Next, Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, SETRPC, provided an update on the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG MIT). Previously, the SETRPC Executive Committee approved the Method of Distribution (MOD) of over \$142 million for reallocation. Since Hardin County does not have a drainage district, their portion was directly allocated to Hardin County. In Jefferson County, money was allocated to Drainage District 6 and Drainage District 7. The Orange County portion was allocated to the Orange County Drainage District.

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) visited the SETRPC, Thursday, October 13, 2022, to present their "SETRPC Roadshow: Application Workshop" for CDBG MIT allocation recipients. They provided general information about the funding, fielded questions, and provided one-on-one technical assistance in breakout groups about the application process. All applications are due to the GLO by January 13, 2023.

Ms. Heather LaGrone, Senior Deputy Director for the GLO, provided general takeaways related to the funding and the process:

- Do the best you can with the money allocated to you.
- This process is going to take longer than you think is necessary.
- This is not easy money to spend.
- Ask for help and listen to the assistance the GLO is providing along the way.
- Do not hesitate to ask any questions of the GLO at any juncture of a project.

This is the only region that received money that is specifically doing drainage projects. The GLO is very excited about that because of the needs that are in the region. Ms. Burke reviewed dates of upcoming public hearings being held by entities that have received CDBG-MIT funding.

22-057 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NETWORK

➤ First, Mr. Pete De La Cruz, Director, 9-1-1 Emergency Network, provided a detailed update on 9-1-1 State Legislation to be addressed in the upcoming 2023 88th Regular Legislative Session. He reported that the 9-1-1 Emergency Network turned in their proposed budget numbers for FY's 24-25 late last year and also explained how the Commission in Austin takes the budgets submitted and creates a proposed appropriation to take to the legislative session.

Mr. De La Cruz shared a report on the Rider 9 Plan of which the 87th Texas Legislature included in CSEC's bill pattern in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Years 2022-2023. Rider 9 requires CSEC to develop a plan for the continued long-term funding of the statewide 9-1-1 services program and agency operations out of General Revenue-Dedicated 9-1-1 Service Fees Account No. 5050 and submit the plan to the Legislative Budget Board and Office of the Governor no later than July 1, 2022. The plan must specify:

- (1) options to modify or re-structure the program and operations to preserve balances of Account No. 5050;
- (2) options to fund the program out of alternative methods of finance; and,

(3) any additional items requested by the Legislative Budget Board or Office of the Governor.

The plan must also identify any statutory changes necessary to implement the options specified. Rider 9 is specifically focused on the long-term funding of the CSEC-Regional Planning Commission 9-1-1 service program. During CSEC's November 2021 open meeting, the Commissioners directed staff to also address in the plan funding of the 9-1-1 service programs of Texas's 57 Emergency Communication Districts.

The Commission should be allowed to set 9-1-1 fee rates at levels to match legislative appropriation amounts and maintain the necessary fund balance to operate the program. Statutory changes are needed to allow the Commission to adjust the fees to make revenue collections consistent with appropriation levels. The Rider 9 report was delivered to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor.

A Joint Budget Hearing was held September 1, 2022, at which Ms. Kelli Merriweather, CSEC Executive Director, presented the Legislative Appropriation Request to staff from the Office of the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance. (Mr. De La Cruz provided highlights from the presentation that was given by Ms. Merriweather.) The 9-1-1 Alliance, which represents 57 Emergency Communications Districts, plans to have legislation introduced to increase the wireless fee.

➤ Second, Mr. De La Cruz shared an update on the Senate Bill 8 Federal Funding. HB 2911/SB 8 (3rd Special Session) appropriated \$150 million in Federal NG9-1-1 funds to all Texas 9-1-1 programs. The period of performance for these funds is November 7, 2021 – December 31, 2024. The SETRPC 9-1-1 Emergency Network has received additional funding in the amount of \$1,265,410 to be used for Next Generation Core Services and PSAP 9-1-1 Call Handling Systems and Applications. The breakdown for the funding is listed below:

• Next Generation Core Services:	\$693,410
• PSAP 9-1-1 Call Handling Systems and Applications:	\$572,000
Total:	\$1,265,410

Eligible NG9-1-1 Federal Fund Expenditure Categories include:

- NG9-1-1 ESInet
- 9-1-1 Call Routing & Location
- GIS
- PSAP 9-1-1 Call Handling Equipment
- Security
- Operational
- Planning
- Other (e.g., MIS)

The SETRPC 9-1-1 Emergency Network plans to utilize the NG Core services funds to pay 12 months of Texas Department of Information Resources Core Services and replace front room PSAP 9-1-1 Call Handling Equipment at the 14 public safety answering points in the SETRPC region.

22-058 FUTURE CALENDAR

➤ First, Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC, noted that, in addition to the Hardin County CDBG-MIT Program Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 10:00 am at the Hardin County Courthouse, the Jefferson County Drainage District (DD6) will also hold a CDBG-MIT Program Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 pm, at the Beaumont Event Centre. Also, the Regional Council on Aging and Disabilities (RCoAD) will be meeting in person at the SETRPC in the Mayor Homer E. Nagel Room at 2:30 pm rather than virtually as shown on the Future Calendar.

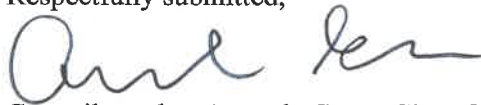
Second, the SETRPC Offices will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and on November 24-25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

In conclusion, Ms. Carver noted that the next SETRPC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16, noon, and the SETRPC Annual Meeting and Installation of 2023 Officers is slated for Thursday, January 19, 6:30 pm, at the Beaumont Event Centre.

22-059 OTHER, OLD, UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ There being no other, old, and unfinished business, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Councilmember Amanda Gates, City of Kirbyville
Secretary