

Action Summary

Acadiana Watershed District Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



10am-12pm, Thursday, April 30th, 2026
Rosa Parks Transportation Center
101 Jefferson St.
Lafayette, LA 70501



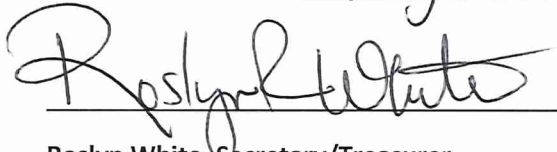
AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME	The meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Kelia Bingham, APC Watershed Coordinator. Opening Statement: <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> <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> <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>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Kelia Bingham led the Pledge of Allegiance, and all stood and recited the pledge.
ROLL CALL	Roll call was taken by Kelia Bingham. Seven out of ten members were present.
ACTION SUMMARY APPROVAL FROM JANUARY 22ND	Kelia Bingham reviewed the meeting minutes from January 22nd. Jessica Cornay motioned to accept the minutes and Donald Sagrera seconded the motion. All were in favor. VOTE: YEA – 7

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POTENTIAL REGIONAL PROJECTS TO BE MODELED	The committee discussed three potential regional drainage and flood control projects that could be modeled using remaining LWI/ Regional Capacity Building Grant funds. The committee reviewed the Bayou Amy Water Quality Study in St. Martin Parish, which proposes increasing water flow through a 56-inch pipe structure to address water quality issues and provide flood mitigation benefits across multiple parishes. They also examined the Bayou Blue and Mermentau Retention Project in Allen Parish, which involves dredging and improving a drainage system to reduce flooding in the Oberlin and Lake Arthur areas. The third project was the Vermilion Pump and Flood Gate Project in Vermilion Parish. The system will reduce flooding in Vermilion Parish and potential upstream areas in Lafayette Parish. Preliminary modeling was done for the project through the UL Louisiana Watershed Flood Center using their model and not the LWI models. The committee discussed the challenges and costs associated with using the existing LWI model for these projects, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per project, and considered issuing an RFP to modeling firms to evaluate what could be accomplished within their \$50,000 budget. The committee did agree to recommend to the board that they proceed with modeling two or potentially all three projects at a limited scope to gather technical data and demonstrate the model's capabilities, while acknowledging this would provide general information rather than detailed design specifications.
MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	NBS Explorer Tool Training will take place on May 5th from 10:00am to 2:45pm at the LITE Center in Lafayette. You must register to attend. Lunch will be provided.
NEXT MEETING	July 30th at 10am
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
ADJOURNMENT	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.
MEETING DETAILS	
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	ATTENDANCE RECORD
ATTENDEES	<u>Delegates Present:</u> TVFWD –Donald Sagrera UL Watershed Flood Center – Emad Habib USDA/NRCS – Andrew Coombs CPRA – Dion Broussard At-Large Member – Jessica Cornay At-Large Member – Richard Greig At-Large Member - Cassidy Lejeune <u>Others Present</u> APC – Sara Gary APC – Kelia Bingham APC – Sean Reed APC – Kade Jones St. Mary Levee District – Michael Brocato St. Martin Parish & AWD Board Member – Chris Tauzin CPRA – Ivy Thibodeaux Fenstermaker – Mohamed Awaad South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center – Dr. Sharon Hausum Bayou Vermilion District – Karen Hail
ABSENTEES	<u>Delegates Absent:</u> LA SWCD IV – Chris Vosburg DOTD – Brent Domingue USACE – Isaac Mudge

Minutes approved on August 27, 2026 by the Acadiana Watershed District Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roslyn White", written over a horizontal line.

Roslyn White, Secretary/Treasurer
Acadiana Watershed District