



CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION
 MEETING NOTES
 December 14, 2022

	Directors in Attendance	Joe Myers, Dick Smith, Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, John Porea, Mark Adam, Jack Sakolosky - Virtual Mtg
	Committee Members in Attendance	Bill St. Clair, Lisa Foley
	Guests in Attendance	
	Guest Speaker	None
1	Monthly Transmittals/ Handouts	Meeting called to order - 6:35 pm. Myers emailed the following Handouts to each board member - final meeting notes for September, draft meeting notes for October, tonight's agenda, a copy of the December Treasurer's report, and the updated 2022 Budget report. Attachment #1 – Draft Legislation Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District
2	Membership	Keystone Carpet (Supporting Member).
3	Meeting Minutes	September meeting notes were approved for posting. October meeting notes were approved conditionally to allow additional review by board members with corrections to be sent to Sakolosky. Sakolosky will try to issue draft minutes for review within two weeks following each board meeting.
4	Financial - Treasurer's Report	The December treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Porea will update the December 2022 Budget to clarify the amount authorized to consultants Dunbar/Bedient for the Comprehensive Flood Mitigation Plan for Cypress Creek. Porea will coordinate with Robertson to consolidate the encumbered funds that have been received for the Cypress Creek Greenway into one or two categories.
5	Old Business	a. Discuss Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force Actions Myers reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force did not meet in November.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft legislation for authorization of the Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District has been submitted to representative Harless for review. • The district will not have taxing or bonding capacity. • The district is limited to obtaining funds for projects through grant awards from state, federal, and other entities. • The draft legislation is seen as the first step in the process of developing a special district for the construction of flood mitigation projects solely within the Cypress Creek watershed. • Myers will send a copy of the draft legislation to each board member. Refer to Handouts, Attachment #1 <p>b. Membership</p> <p>i. Tunnel Advocacy – Outreach</p> <p>Smith reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is coordinating with ABHR (Adisa Harrington) to identify 20 ABHR districts that CCFCC will contact for the membership drive. • Smith is using the format from CCFCC’s 2006 Annual Report to summarize on-going activities and achievements that will be used to prepare a draft outline for meeting with each of the 20 ABHR districts. • A copy of the updated report (<i>report title</i>) will be provided to each of the 20 districts board members. • CCFCC will coordinate with each district to schedule attending a District meeting to summarize CCFCC’s achievements, goals, and reasons why the District should consider membership with CCFCC. • Smith stated his goal is to complete the updated report by January 1, 2023. • Smith has obtained maps showing the service area of each utility district. • Adam is preparing a digital update of each utility district within the Cypress Creek watershed. <p>ACTION: Smith will provide a copy of the report and prepare a summary of points that will be presented to the district for review by directors.</p>
6	New Business	<p>a. Houston Stronger – Discussion (Bill St. Clair)</p> <p>St. Clair reported Houston Stronger will request the State to allocate \$5 billion for flood mitigation to Harris County in 2023. Houston Stronger’s current estimate of flood mitigation needs for Harris County is \$60 billion. St. Clair stated Houston Stronger has</p>

		<p>requested CCFCC to support the \$5 billion request to the State. The board unanimously supported this request. St. Clair will convey this support to Houston Stronger.</p> <p>b. San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group (SJRFPG) – Discussion Dave Baldwin’s review comments regarding the SJRFPG’S draft report are summarized in Smith’s emails (#3 through #10) directors dated December 14, 2022. Board discussion follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The draft report includes two flood project categories – FMP (Flood Mitigation Project), which designates the project is eligible for funding, and FME (Flood Management Evaluation), which designates a project which is identified but not eligible for funding. A project is not eligible for funding if a cost benefit ratio analysis (CBR) has not been performed.• A cost benefit ratio analysis (CBR) has not been performed for the proposed Cypress Creek watershed projects. Previous communication with Alan Black, HCFCF, indicates that a budget of \$30,000 has been allocated for the analysis.• Flood mitigation projects for the Cypress Creek watershed have been submitted to the SJRFPG by HCFCF.• The State’s Flood Infrastructure Funding (FIF) process is scored and ranked by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).• St. Clair is communicating with members of the SJRFPG to request their attendance at a future CCFCC board meeting to inform directors about the SJRFPG flood planning process. <p>ACTION: Myers will contact HCFCF to determine the status of the cost benefit analysis (CBR) for the Cypress Creek watershed projects that have been submitted to SJRFPG.</p> <p>c. Annual Meeting Preparations – Discussion Smith stated the Annual Meeting has typically been held in March. It can be scheduled as a special meeting or can be conducted as part of a regular board meeting. Myers suggested planning for the Annual Meeting be performed by the Membership Committee. Additional discussion is summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Myers suggested the board consider inviting the public and inviting a guest speaker to increase the community’s awareness of CCFCC’s goals and activities. Previous guest speakers have included Matt Zeve, Jim Blackburn, Larry Dunbar, and others.
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