



**Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA WX)
Executive Council Meeting Agenda
NCTCOG Metroplex Conference Room / Teams
August 10, 2022 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

Call to Order and Opening remarks
Quorum is met.

Chase Wheeler, CASA WX Chair

Item 1: Vote on February and May meeting minutes



CASA WX Members

- Jason Block motion to approve both meeting minutes; Tonya Hunter second; motion to pass 9: 38. No opposed.

Item 2: Vote on updated Council roster



CASA WX Members

- Chase – Need to make Council more robust and add members.
- Amanda – Will continue to add members as jurisdictions request; we will do another email push for members. Still need to fill the DFW Airport seat.
- Tonya H. asked Brenda if we need to add more academia to roster. Brenda is going to speak with SMU to see if they would like to join, potentially UTD as well.
- Discussion on media as voting members of the council. Stated the importance of keeping the media partners engaged on the Council. Jeff Ray said there is no real reason for them being voting members, they will continue to be on the Council and be engaged.
- 9:42 AM Scott Greeson motion to approve new roster as written and change Media to non-voting members; Jeff Ray second; motion to pass 9:42 AM. No opposed.

Item 3: CASA funding overview and updates

Brenda Philips, CASA

- Reviewed CSU and UMASS budget and statement of work for 2021. This is the 2021 SOW and budget amendment for the 5 year Master Agreement. The Master Agreement expires this year and a new one is being drafted for the next 5 years.
- Change CSU budget to say “2021” not “2020”
- Discussion about what F&A charge is; University admin cost for accepting the money, it is around 15% which is very low for the universities.
- Discussion about membership dues and NCTCOG fee.
 - NCTCOG gets \$25k each year for salaries and the rest of the funds are split between CSU/UMASS. If universities do not use all the funds it goes back into the budget for the next year.
 - NCTCOG did an audit on the funds that NCTCOG received from CASA membership dues. Since 2014 there has been an overage in the funds the NCTCOG received each year. We do not have access to those funds they have been rolled into other programs in EP. Going forward the funds that are leftover in the NCTCOG budget from CASA dues will go back into the CASA project for the next years budget. There was previously no definition on what was expected of those funds. Going forward we will include language in the CASA Master Agreement that states any left-over funding will go back into the CASA program.
- In the past the chairs approved the SOW each year. Going forward the Council will approve the SOW for the universities so we will be asking for a motion to approve these today.
- Tonya Hunter motion to approve UMASS and CSU agreements; Jason Block second; motion to pass 9:58 AM. No opposed.

- Brenda gave a presentation about spending from 1/1/22 – 7/31/22.

Item 4: Funding Subcommittee update

Amanda Everly, NCTCOG

- Transportation department is interested in radars in the NW that would help with some of the transportation projects in that area. They potentially have some funding.
- We had discussions with FEMA and the State and they both agree this is a good mitigation funded project, it would be for new radars not radar replacement. Working to make sure all mitigation plans have CASA in the plan so that jurisdictions would be eligible to apply when funding is available.

Item 5: Case study review

Brenda Philips, CASA

- Brenda and Eric gave an overview of some of the customizations he has done for various jurisdictions. If a jurisdiction would like customizations, they can contact Amanda Everly and she will get you in contact with the right person.
- Presentation on the April 4, 2022 tornadoes in Johnson/Ellis counties.
- Chase discussed media having access to radars, they do currently have access. The issue is a presentation issue on how they would present the data on air. No station currently presents the data on air.
 - Suggested a meeting with media partners to see if it is possible now with new technologies to integrate the data into their on air systems.

Next Steps/Priorities

CASA WX Members

- Scheduling a funding subcommittee meeting
- Drafting 5 year Master Agreement
- Leadership digesting information from the CASA survey, working to put the data into a presentation for the group.

Adjournment

Adjournment 10:38 AM

Resources: CASA WX Website: www.nctcog.org/CASAWX

**Next CASA WX Executive Council Meeting:
December 7, 2022
9:30 AM- 11:30 AM**