

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: 4/16/2026

Meeting Date: 04/27/2026

Submitted By: Zac Johnson

Department: OEM

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:



Description:

Consideration of Approval and Authorization for Judge to sign letter to FEMA
requesting extension of time to amend FEMA approved 2024 Johnson County
Hazard Mitigation Plan to comport with FEMA grant requirements which
became effective April 11, 2025 and to facilitate local non-profit organization'
s application and eligibility to receive grant funds for mitigation of dam hazards

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: Zac Johnson

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: 5 minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

Action Item Consent Workshop Executive Other _____

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

County Attorney IT Purchasing Auditor

Personnel Development Services Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents
In Your Submission Email**

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>


John T. Miles, Jr., ARM, CFM
National Dam Safety Program
Federal Emergency Management Agency
800 North Loop 288
Denton, TX 76209

Submitted via FEMA GO

Reference: Request approval of 12-month extension to update the approved mitigation plan under “Mitigation Plan Extraordinary Circumstances” in order for entities to receive funding under the *Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program*.

Dear Mr. Miles:

The School of Permaculture, as Applicant, in consultation and coordination with Johnson County, Texas (the jurisdiction responsible for maintaining the FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan), requests approval for the Mitigation Plan Extraordinary Circumstances extension as stated on page 58 of the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

With respect to the School of Permaculture, we have included the documentation requested on page 58 of the NOFO (6.c.) to request an extension to the approved local mitigation plan requirements (compliant with 44 C.F.R. Part 201 and Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide (FEMA, April 2022) or subsequent update or Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide (December 2017) for the jurisdiction where the dam is located in order to receive HHPD funding. We understand, if our request is approved, that the following currently approved local mitigation plans for the jurisdiction where the dam is located will need to be updated to address all dam risks in accordance with requirements set forth in the Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide (FEMA, April 2022), which supersede the requirements set forth in the [Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program Guidance \(FEMA, June 2020\)](#) and the FEMA Policy 104-008-7 within twelve (12) months from the date FEMA Grants Program Directorate approves the SOW package in FEMA GO or FEMA may terminate the award.

Johnson County’s current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed and approved prior to the issuance of FEMA’s specific mitigation planning guidance applicable to the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant Program. While the Plan identifies flooding hazards, including dam failure risks, FEMA approval documentation confirming compliance with HHPD-specific mitigation planning requirements has not yet been issued.

The County did not intentionally omit dam safety considerations; rather, the need for HHPD-specific mitigation actions and documentation became apparent during preparation of the HHPD grant application. Accordingly, Johnson County is requesting this extension to allow sufficient time to incorporate all dam-related risk and mitigation provisions consistent with FEMA HHPD program requirements.

Johnson County will amend its FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan to address dam safety and high hazard potential dam risks as outlined in FEMA’s Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide Element G: High Hazard Potential Dams.

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- Coordination with Johnson County Emergency Management staff responsible for hazard mitigation planning
- Coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Dam Safety Program
- Review and provide to Johnson County Emergency Management for incorporation any existing dam safety studies, engineering analyses, and Emergency Action Plans associated with Mountain Valley Dam No. 1 (TX04797)
- Technical support from planning and engineering consultants, as needed, to ensure compliance with FEMA mitigation planning requirements

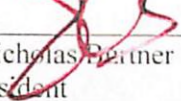
These resources will be used to identify, assess, and incorporate mitigation actions addressing risks associated with high hazard potential dams within Johnson County.

All parties understand that failure to complete and obtain FEMA approval of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan within this timeframe may result in termination of HHPD grant funding, consistent with FEMA program requirements.

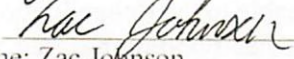
If you have any questions, please contact me at (682) 200-2584 and grant@hamiltonfirm.net.

Sincerely,

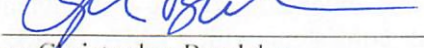
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By:  _____
Name: Nicholas Berner
Title: President

JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By:  _____
Name: Zac Johnson
Title: Emergency Management Planner

JOHNSON COUNTY JUDGE

By:  _____
Name: Christopher Boedeker
Title: Johnson County Judge