

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Virtual Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Thursday, January 28, 2021

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1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman Brandon Wade called the meeting to order at 10:01am with a quorum present.

2. Attendance and Announcements

Roll Call:

Voting Members

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| Susan Alford | P | Glenn Lord | P |
| Anthony Beach | P | Matt Phillips | P |
| Sujeeth Draksharam | P | Gary Spicer | P |
| Andrew Earles | P | Mark Vogler | P |
| Alysha Girard | P | Brandon Wade | P |
| David Lilly | P | Claudia Wright | P |
| P- Present, A- Absent, | | | |

Quorum Present: Yes, 10 of 12 voting members present at roll call. Quorum is 7 of 12 voting members.

Other Attendees:

Aaron Abel
Audrey Giesler
Colleen O'Neal
Daniel Zell
David Gornet
David Van Soest
David Young
Ellen Kinsey
Hector Olmos
Jake Hollingsworth
James Bronikowski
Jeff Irvin
Jeffrey Janecek
Jim Clarno
Kevin Enoch
Laura Atlas
Michael Reedy
Michelle Bobo
Natalie Johnson

Pam Hannemann
Phil Price
Riley Woods
Ruth Haberman
Ryan Londeen
Ryke Moore
Sam Hinojosa
Samantha Harn
Stephanie Castillo
Stephanie Griffin
Steve Bednarz
Steve Gonzales
Tom Brown
Tom Ray
Yolanda Yancy
Yujuin Yang

3. Approval of Minutes from the December 12, 2020 meeting

The approval of the minutes from the previous meeting is held until the next meeting.

4. Public Input - Public questions and comments on agenda items or flood planning issues (limited to 3 minutes each)

Chairman Wade opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received prior to the meeting and no one present provided any comments.

5. Report and possible discussion on report from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

Ryke Moore, provided a brief update including reminders of important dates in regional flood planning.

6. Report and possible discussion on report by Regional Planning Sponsor

Pam Hannemann provided updates on the flood planning sponsor activities. Grant application in response to the RFA was submitted to TWDB on January 20, 2021 and expected timeline of the RFQ posting in early February.

7. Presentation by Brazos River Authority staff

7.1. BRA 101

Aaron Abel, BRA Water Services Manager made the presentation on BRA 101, letting group members know what the BRA does and its role in flood planning.

7.2. Lower Brazos Flood Protection Planning Study

Pam Hannemann, BRA Water Services Regional Planner gave a presentation to the group on the Flood Protection Planning study done in the Lower Brazos that was completed March 2019.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding non-voting member liaisons designated by each RFPG to coordinate between all adjacent RFPG's and a Coastal Liaison (required per §361.11(f)(8)).

Chairman Wade requested nominations for liaisons for adjacent RFPG and a Coastal Liaison. Matt Philips offered to serve as the Region 7- Upper Brazos RFPG liaison. Alysha Girard made the motion to accept the nomination of Matt Phillips and Mark Vogler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Alysha Girard noted due to the overlap of Region 6 – San Jacinto RFPG and Coastal areas that it would appropriate for one individual to serve the dual role of Region 6 and Coastal Liaison.

Brandon Wade and Mark Vogler offered to serve as the Region 6 and Coastal Liaison. Matt Philips made the motion to nominate Mark Vogler as the Region 6 and Coastal Liaison, Andrew Earles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mark Vogler accepted the nomination naming him as the Region 6 and Coastal Liaison.

9. Discussion on additional non-voting representatives from other agencies with interests related to regional flood planning.

Proposed for the next meeting Agenda for discussion and possible action on expanding membership to include additional non-voting representatives from these agencies: Fort Bend Subsidence District, US Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA and Liaisons to the Regional Water Planning Groups, Brazos G and Region H.

10. Discussion and possible action to select a sub-committee to review RFQ's

Motion made by Matt Philips to accept the four individuals listed to serve on the Sub-committee to review RFQ responses and make a recommendation of a list of four finalist to the Group, second made by Mark Vogler.

Alysha Girard, Chair

Sujeeth Draksharam

Andrew Earles

Susan Alford

11. Report from Lower Brazos RFPG Chair

Chairman Wade extended his thanks the BRA for their support in the regional flood planning group as this first cycle of regional flood planning is getting started.

12. Discussion on new business to be considered at next meeting

- Discussion and action on additional non-voting members from interested agencies and liaisons to Region H and Brazos G RWPG.
- Report from RFQ sub-committee Chair

13. Confirmation of next meeting date – February 25, 2021

Next meeting confirmed for February 25, 2021 at 10:00am.

14. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27am by Chairman Wade.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the February 25, 2021 meeting.



[Matt Phillips \(Mar 9, 2021 10:15 CST\)](#)

Matt Phillips, Secretary



[BrandonWade \(Mar 8, 2021 20:35 CST\)](#)

Brandon Wade, Chairman

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