

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Virtual Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Thursday, June 24, 2021

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Phone: 469-206-8623 Conference ID: 830 994 495#

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1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chair Brandon Wade called the meeting to order at 10:00am with a quorum present.

2. Attendance and Announcements

Roll Call:

Voting Members

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

P- Present, A- Absent,

Quorum Present: Yes. Quorum is 7 of 12 voting members.

3. Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2021 and the June 2, 2021 Pre-Planning

Meetings

The May 13, 2021 regular group meeting minutes were accepted as presented. Glenn Lord made the motion to accept the minutes and Sujeeth Draksharam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The June 2, 2021 pre-planning meeting minutes were accepted as presented. Matt Phillips made the motion to accept the minutes and Sujeeth Draksharam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Brandon opened the floor for public comments. No verbal comments made at this time. See Agenda Item No 7 for written comments submitted to the planning group.

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

Ryke Moore, TWDB Regional Planner, updated the group on the TWDB approval of the BRA's contract with Halff as a subconsultant of BRA contract with TWDB to conduct tasks as the technical consultant of the Region 8 LBRFPG.

6. Presentation on Purpose of Regional Flood Planning in the Lower Brazos Basin, Halff Associates

Sam Hinojosa with Halff Associates presented the purpose of the regional flood plan. He presented on Lower Brazos team, study goals, study expectations, deliverables, schedule, and data collection methods.

7. Public Comments as part of the pre-planning efforts to receive public input on the Region 8 2023 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Plan. Please limit public comments to 3 minutes each.

The Region 8 LBRFPG received written comments via email from two individuals, Mike Sutherland and Cheryl Langford. Both individuals sharing their concerns of the reservoir operations for Lake Limestone and concerns of downstream flooding on the Navasota River. Chairman Wade accepted these comments and directed that the letters be included in the record of the meeting minutes.

David Savage asked about coordination with water planning evaluation and prioritization of projects for funding.

8. Report and possible discussion on report from Region 8 Technical Consultant

Sam Hinojosa with Halff Associates presented on the timeline and tasks planned for public outreach and data collection. He provided a look ahead to December informing the group of topics that will be presented and discussed. Sam requested input from each interest category to share their concerns and issues regarding flood planning topics. Wade, Spicer, Phillips, Girard, Draksharam, Lilly, and Vogler provided input.

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

Pam Hannemann, BRA Regional Planner, provided updates on the flood planning sponsor activities. The BRA contract with Halff Associates was signed on June 14, 2021 for the role of technical consultant for the first flood plan for Region 8. The BRA Public Information Office is assisting with public outreach by sharing on BRA's social media platforms.

10. Report from Non-voting Member Agencies (TPWD, TDEM, TDA, TSSWCB, GLO, TCEQ, USACE, FEMA, Fort Bend Subsidence District and Brazoria County)

Reports were provided by Melissa Washington with GLO on the GLO's flood study draft data is available – David Van Soest, TCEQ offered to share contact information to aid in outreach to small dam owners.

11. Report from Liaisons (Region 6, Coastal, Region 7, Brazos G and Region H)

Reports from Liaisons updated the planning group on regional planning activities.

12. Report from Lower Brazos RFPG Chair

Chairman Wade provided the group an update on the TWDB Chair Meeting he attended on June 24, 2021. He noted that most regional flood groups are about where Region 8 is in

the process, with getting technical consultants under contract and conducting pre-planning meetings.

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

14. Confirmation of next meeting date

The next meeting of the Region 8 LBRFPG will be on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

15. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38am by Chair Brandon Wade.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the July 22, 2021 meeting.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Brandon Wade, Chairman