

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Virtual Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Thursday, August 26, 2021

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1. Call Meeting to Order.

Vice Chair, Alysha Girard served as the presiding officer for this meeting in Chair Brandon Wade's absence. Alysha called the meeting to order at 10:05 am 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	A
Andrew Earles	A	Mark Vogler	P
Alysha Girard	P	Brandon Wade	A
David Lilly	A	Claudia Wright	P
P- Present, A- Absent,			

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

3. Approval of Minutes from the July 22, 2021 Meeting

The July 22, 2021 meeting minutes were accepted as presented. Anthony Beach made the motion to accept the minutes and Claudia Wright 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*)

Alysha Girard opened the floor for public comments. Andrew Knuppel, Program Coordinator, Texas Community Watershed Partners Program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service spoke to the group about the Risk Map Project that is starting and will be covering a portion of the Lower Brazos area. Texas Community Watershed Partners, TWDB and FEMA are leading this Risk Map Project.

- 5. Presentation from GLO - Texas GLO Combined River Basins Flood Study Project Status Update – Survey Results & Data Collection update on Floodplain Study Project**
Lara Atlas of H2O Partners presented to the planning group.
- 6. Report from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff**
Anita Machiavello provided the report for TWDB on the \$10 million of additional funding from the legislature, TWDB is reviewing the surveys submitted by each of the regional planning groups; TWDB Executive Administrator approved the extension of the technical memorandum task 2a Flood Risk Analysis, and the expectation of the technical memorandum being a work in progress deliverable; and the technical guidance document is finalized and available on the TWDB website.
- 7. Report from the Regional Planning Sponsor**
Pamela Hannemann reported on the planning group website (www.lowerbrazosflood.org) updates; website now has a FAQ page and a Public Comments page.
- 8. Report and possible discussion on update from Region 8 Technical Consultant**
Half and subconsultants updated the planning group on schedule adjustments due to the Final TWDB Floodplain Quilt not being available until October and on the progress of public outreach and data collection efforts- community stakeholder survey deadline extended until August 31st, Task 1A – Planning Area Description, and Task 2A- Flood Planning Analysis. Provided an update to the approach and progress of Task 2B – Flood Risk Analysis. Task 3A – Flood Management Practice the trends and potential standards was presented along discussion of draft goals for Task 3B – Flood Mitigation and Flood Management Goals.
- 9. Report from Non-voting Member Agencies (TPWD, TDEM, TDA, TSSWCB, GLO, TCEQ, USACE, FEMA, Fort Bend Subsidence District and Brazoria County)**
No reports were provided by non-voting member agencies.
- 10. Report from Liaisons (Region 6, Coastal, Region 7, Brazos G and Region H)**
Liaisons updated the planning group on regional planning activities.
- 11. Discussion on formation of a Technical Committee for Region 8**
Action held until the next meeting.
- 12. Report from Lower Brazos RFPG Chair**
Alysha did not provide a Chair Report.
- 13. Discussion on new business to be considered at next meeting**
Possible formation of a Technical Committee.
- 14. Confirmation of future meeting dates through December 2021**
Thursday, September 23, 2021, Thursday, October 28, 2021,
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, Tuesday, December 14, 2021
- 15. Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm by Alysha Girard.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the September 23, 2021 meeting.



[Matt Phillips \(Oct 1, 2021 15:12 CDT\)](#)

Matt Phillips, Secretary



[BrandonWade \(Oct 2, 2021 06:09 CDT\)](#)

Brandon Wade, Chairman


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