

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Brazos River Authority, 4600 Cobbs Dr. Waco, TX 76710

10:00am – Thursday, November 16, 2021

Meeting agenda, materials and audio recordings are available online at www.lowerbrazosflood.org

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brandon Wade presided over the meeting in Waco, TX. Mr. Wade called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

2. Attendance and Announcements

Susan Alford	A	Glenn Lord	P
Anthony Beach	A	Matt Phillips	P
Sujeeth Draksharam	P	Gary Spicer- Alternate: Ryan Bayle	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 October 28, 2021 Meeting

The October 28, 2021 meeting minutes were accepted as presented in version 2 with minor corrections. Matt Phillips made the motion to accept the minutes and Glenn Lord 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 Wade opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

5. Report and possible discussion on update from Region 8 Technical Consultant and possible action from the RFPG as it relates to:

5.1. Floodplain Management Standards and Goals

Alysha Girard made a conditional motion that Half categorize the TWDB requirements into requirements that must be met and those that have the flexibility to be met at some future time. Mark Vogler seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

5.2. Updates on regional flood plan

Sam Hinojosa provided updates on the progress and next steps for the project to the RFPG.

6. Report, discussion, and possible action on recommendation from the Executive Committee requesting the RFPG consider the recommendation that Mr. Andrew Earles be removed as a voting member of the Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group for excessive absences.

Executive Session

The Region 8 LBRFPG may go into an executive session pursuant to chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code for the consideration of personnel matters, specifically, potential removal of a voting member due to excessive absenteeism. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code allows for an exception to meeting in Closed Session. (a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. Tex. Gov't. Code § 551.074

6.1. The RFPG will conduct a closed meeting in Executive Session on the following matter:

- a. Discussion on review of Andrew Earles attendance and possible action of recommendation of removal from planning group for excessive absences

6.2. Reconvene in Open Session

6.3. Discussion and possible action on items deliberated in Executive Session

Motion was made by Sujeeth Draksharam to remove Mr. Andrew Earles as a voting member, representing Small Business Interests, on the Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group for

excessive absences. The motion was seconded by Alysha Girard. Chair conducted a Roll Call vote starting with the officers and continuing with all voting members present. All voting members present at the time voted yes. The motion passed.

Brandon Wade	yes	Ryan Bayle (Alt. for Gary Spicer)	yes
Alysha Girard	yes	Mark Vogler	yes
Matt Phillips	yes	Claudia Wright	yes
Sujeeth Draksharam	yes		
David Lilly	yes		
Glenn Lord	yes		

7. Report from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff.

Ryke Moore, TWDB Planner provided the report from TWDB.

8. Report from the Regional Planning Sponsor

Pam Hannemann provided the report from the Sponsor.

8.1. Finance Report

Provided the group with report of sponsor expenditures through 9/30/202.

8.2. Other updates

The notice of the small business representative vacancy will be posted 11/17/21. Applications will be due December 31, 2021.

9. Approval and certification of the finance report expenditures

The financial report of expenditures through September 30, 2021 was approved as presented. Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion to approve the finance report and Alysha Girard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No updates were provided by non-voting member agencies.

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

Liaisons did not have any new updates to provide to the RFPG.

12. Report from Lower Brazos RFPG Chair

The Chair did not have anything to report.

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

No new business presented for the next meeting.

14. Confirmation of next meeting date

Tuesday, December 14, 2021- 10AM

15. Adjourn

Brandon Wade adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the December 14, 2021 meeting.



[Matt Phillips \(Jan 11, 2022 14:37 CST\)](#)

Matt Phillips, Secretary



[BrandonWade \(Dec 14, 2021 18:45 CST\)](#)

Brandon Wade, Chairman









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