

Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Brazos River Authority, Lt. Gen. Phillip J. Ford Central Office,
4600 Cobbs Dr. Waco, TX 76710

1:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 8, 2025

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

1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance

Anthony Beach presided over the meeting in Waco, TX. Mr. Beach called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Anthony Beach	P
Sujeeth Draksharam	P
Charlotte Gilpin	A
Alysha Girard	P
Matt Phillips	P
P- Present, A- Absent,	

Quorum Present: **Yes**. Quorum is 3 of 5 committee members.

2. Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2024 Meeting

The February 15, 2024 Executive Committee 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.

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

Anthony Beach opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

4. Question and Answer session for the nominees submitting application packets for the four (4) voting member vacancies representing Environmental, Counties, Agriculture, and Electric Generating Utilities interests

- 4.1. Environmental
- 4.2. Counties
- 4.3. Agriculture
- 4.4. Electric Generating Utilities

5. Executive Session

- 5.1. **The committee members will conduct a closed meeting in Executive Session to deliberate on nominations received for the voting member vacancy representing Industries interests for recommendation to the full Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, codified as Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.**

The Executive Committee went into the Executive/Closed Session at 1:45pm.

5.2. Reconvene in Open Session

The Executive Committee reconvened in Open Session at 2:05pm.

6. Discussion and possible action on items deliberated in Executive Session and recommendation to the Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group

Motion “The Executive Committee recommends to the members of the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group appointment of Bruce Bodson representing Environmental Interests to serve as a voting member of the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG.” The motion was made by Sujeeth Draksharam. The motion was seconded by Anthony Beach. Matt Phillips abstained from the Environmental Interest vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion “The Executive Committee recommends to the members of the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group appointment of Russel Ford representing Agricultural Interests to serve as a voting member of the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG.” The motion was made by Sujeeth Draksharam. The motion was seconded by Matt Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion “The Executive Committee recommends to the members of the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group appointment of Jonathan Steiber representing Counties Interests to serve as a voting member of the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG.” The motion was made by Sujeeth Draksharam. The motion was seconded by Alysha Girard. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion “The Executive Committee recommends to the members of the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group appointment of Russel Ford representing Agricultural Interests to serve as a voting member of the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG.” The motion was made by Sujeeth Draksharam. The motion was seconded by Matt Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee recommends to the LBRFPG to leave the Electric Generating Utilities Interest open. By rule need someone that represents or is employed by an electric generating utility. No vote was taken.

7. Adjourn

Anthony Beach adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

Approved by the Region 8 LBRFPG Executive Committee at the June 12, 2025, meeting.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair