

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

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

10:00 a.m. – Thursday, July 17, 2025

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

1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance

Alysha Girard presided over the meeting in Waco, TX. Ms. Girard called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Anthony Beach	P	Alysha Girard	P
Bruce Bodson	P	Matt Phillips	P
Sujeeth Draksharam	P	Kristina Ramirez	P
Tim Finley	A	Jonathan Steiber	P
Russell Ford	A	Mark Vogler	P
Charlotte Gilpin	P	Brandon Wade	P

Quorum Present: **Yes**. A quorum is 7 of 12 voting members.

2. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding the expiration of RFPG voting members whose terms expire on July 10, 2025

Matt Phillips made a motion to renew the terms of voting members that have terms ending on July 10, 2025: Alysha Girard, Anthony Beach, Sujeeth Draksharam, and Brandon Wade. Mark Vogler seconded the motion. These are 5 year terms.

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

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

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Approval of Minutes from the June 19, 2025 meeting

4.2. Report, Approval and Certification of the Finance Report Expenditures

Alysha Girard opened the floor for approval of the Consent Agenda Items. The June 19, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented. Anthony Beach made the motion to approve the consent agenda items and Alysha Girard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No finance report this month.

5. Discussion and possible action on the report from the technical consultant.

The Technical Consultant Team presented a technical memorandum summarizing Task 3A recommendations for the group's consideration. The RFPG discussed the value of dividing the Lower Brazos zones based on jurisdictional boundaries instead of drainage boundaries. The Technical Consultant Team agreed to revisit the zones and determine if this change is feasible.

The Technical Consultant Team presented on flash flooding within the region over the July 4th weekend. The Chair encouraged the RFPG to use this time of public awareness to encourage their involvement in the flood planning process. The RFPG discussed the evaluation of flood warning and flood gauges for the region completed as part of the previous flood planning cycle.

Action Item: Motion was made by Charlotte Gilpin for the LBRFPG approved the flowchart for the identification and evaluation of flood mitigation needs, as presented. Sujeeth Draksharam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Report from:

6.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

Tressa Olson provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG.

6.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

Pam Hannemann provided the Sponsor report.

6.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Liaisons and Chair

Alysha gave a brief Chair's report.

7. Confirm next meeting date and discuss new business to be considered at next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday August 21, 2025, at 10:00AM. The LBRFG will also hold a public Open House at 1:00pm – 3:00pm in Waco at the BRA Central Office.

8. Adjourn

Alysha Girard adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on August 21, 2025.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair