

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, May 15, 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 10:02 am.

Anthony Beach	P	Tim Finley		P
Carl Burch	A	Matt Phillips		P
Sujeeth Draksharam	P	Mark Vogler		P
Charlotte Gilpin	P	Brandon Wade		P
Alysha Girard Alt. Laura Harris	P			
David Lilly	A			

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

2. 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.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approval of Minutes from the April 17, 2025 meeting

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

Anthony Beach opened the floor for approval of the Consent Agenda Items. The April 17, 2025, meeting minutes and finance report were approved as presented. Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion to approve the consent agenda items and Anthony Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report, discussion, and possible action on a recommendation from the Executive Committee on the selection of candidates for the Environmental, Agriculture, Counties, and Electric Generating Utilities interest representative vacancies

The Lower Brazos RFPG accepted the Executive Committee's recommendation of the selection of Bruce Bodson to represent Environmental Interests, Russell Ford to represent Agriculture interests, and Jonathan Steiber to represent Counties, as voting members of the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group.

The Executive Committee recommends leaving the Electric Generating Utilities vacancy open. By rule requires an individual that represents or is employed by a utility that is an electric generator. No action taken on this agenda item.

5. Presentation from GLO – Update on the Central Region River Basin Studies

A representative from the GLO Central Region River Basin Study team provided an update on their ongoing efforts, previous coordination with the RFPG, and upcoming opportunities for coordination.

Anthony Beech asked if the projects identified during GLO data collection were included in the State Flood Plan. The GLO presenter responded that many of them were gathered from public data sources and not fully vetted. However, the GLO team can provide the list to the RFPG for consideration.

Sujeeth Draksharam asked if the factors used for hot spot identification were all weighted equally. Anthony Beech asked if the prioritization and metrics that the RFPG developed for needs analysis was considered or leveraged for this effort. The GLO presenter responded that the factors are not being weighted equally across the board; however, the approach has not been finalized so the weighting is not yet public information. He will inform the technical team of the RFPGs work on prioritization for them to consider in their analysis.

Sujeeth Draksharam asked what types of events were used for calibration and whether only extreme events were considered. The GLO presenter responded that the calibration events included both high and low flow precipitation events.

Charlotte Gilpin asked for clarification on how the GLO information ties back into our effort. Ryan Londeen replied that the modeling developed by the GLO will be used as “best available data” in the flood quilt. Additionally, any projects identified through the GLO efforts will be considered and included in the Regional Flood Plan. The Technical Consultant team will also provide the GLO with any data we develop during our Performance of FMEs (Task 4C) to ensure there is not any duplication of effort.

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

The Technical Consultant team provided an update on the responses received from the Community Questionnaire. A supplemental handout was provided as part of the meeting materials summarizing the responses to each question.

Anthony Beech encouraged the RFPG to forward the Large Municipalities seat opening to any entities who may be interested. Applications were due May 30th.

The Technical Consultant Team provided an update on the proposed plan for the Public Roadshow. Anthony Beech encouraged the team to look at doing public announcements through the radio to encourage attendance. These announcements are typically free.

The Technical Consultant team presented the planned approach for Task 2B. The RFPG did not pose any opposition to the approach.

The Technical Consultant team provided an overview of Task 3A – Floodplain Management Practices. Sujeeth Draksharam encouraged the team to keep the standards similar to the previous cycle, so we are not moving the goal post for communities. Charlotte Gilpin agreed. She also encouraged the team to keep the standards as recommendations and not adopted standards. There are too many intricacies on the local level for the RFPG to regulate and restrict communities. Matt Phillips agreed that adopting standards is not a role that is appropriate for the RFPG. That role should be assumed by the TWDB or the legislature.

The Technical Consultant Team provided a brief overview of Task 4A – Identification and Evaluation of FMXs and upcoming meeting discussion items.

7. Report from:

7.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

Cynthia Nolasco provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG.

7.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

Pam Hannemann gave a brief report on current activities.

7.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Liaisons and Chair

No chair report.

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

The LBRFP Executive Committee will hold a meeting on June 12, 2025, at 10:00AM. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 10:00AM.

9. Adjourn

Anthony Beach adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on June 19, 2025.



[Matt Phillips \(Aug 19, 2025 15:56:18 CDT\)](#)

Matt Phillips, Secretary



[Alysha Girard \(Aug 19, 2025 15:52:32 CDT\)](#)

Alysha Girard, Chair

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