

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 16, 2026

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 Alt. Lee Ligenfelter	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 Alt. Jeffery Janecek	P
Charlotte Gilpin	P	Brandon Wade	P

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)

Alysha Girard opened the floor for public comments. No public comments.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approval of Minutes for the May 21, 2026 meeting

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

Alysha Girard opened the floor for approval of the consent agenda items. Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Charlotte Gilpin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation from GLO - River Basin Flood Study Update

The General Land Office's consultant team provided an overview of the River Basin Flood Study effort and the projects identified through their effort.

Alysha Girard asked if the project cost estimates include consideration of property acquisition and if this need has been discussed with stakeholders. The GLO's team responded that there have been public meetings to make stakeholders aware of the project concepts. Property acquisition costs were included within the cost estimates; however, the projects are at a conceptual level and further analysis and design is needed before implementation.

Brandon Wade expressed concern with the proposed flood control dam project along the Brazos River. He asked if downstream water supply needs and the upcoming Allens Creek Reservoir were considered in the project development. The GLO's team responded that the flood control dam does not include a conservation pool; it is not expected that there would be any impacts on water supply. The GLO team has corresponded with the Brazos River Authority and US Army Corp of Engineers regarding the project concept. Matt Phillips clarified that the Brazos River Authority has not expressed support of the project. The Brazos River Authority has concern with the interaction of the proposed project with the Allens Creek Reservoir.

Alysha Girard expressed concern on presenting these projects at this conceptual stage. The concepts are not ready

for implementation, and therefore do not meet the intention of a flood mitigation project (FMP). The GLO team responded that the presentation is intended to provide awareness to the RFPG of ongoing activities within their region. They acknowledged the complexities of these projects. The study was intended to identify regional solutions beyond regional bounds.

The RFPG encouraged the GLO team to continue coordinating with stakeholders regarding the proposed project concepts. The GLO team mentioned they have a survey open if individual members, or other meeting attendees, would like to provide further comments or questions.

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

5.1. General Updates

The Technical Consultant Team provided a general overview of the project schedule and ongoing efforts.

5.2. Task 4C Progress Update

The Technical Consultant Team provided an update on the performance of the selected Flood Management Evaluations: Bee Creek (College Station), Barrons Branch (Waco), and Turtle Creek (Belton). Chair Alysha Girard asked about the overall timeline for completion of the studies. The Technical Consultant Team responded that the bulk of the studies and project identification will be completed by the end of the year.

5.3. Task 7 Kick Off and Discussion

The Technical Consultant Team provided an overview of Task 7 – Flood Response Information and Activities.

5.4. Task 8 Kick Off and Discussion

The Technical Consultant Team provided an overview of Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations. The RFPG mentioned that the Technical Consultant Team and Sponsor should guide the administrative recommendations based on their experience.

Sujeeth Draksharam encouraged the Regional Flood Planning Group to advocate beyond the Regional Flood Planning Process. Alysha Girard agreed that members should advocate through their individual organizations. Advocating as a group may pose a conflict of interest.

6. Report from:

6.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

Alexis Morganroth provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG.

6.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

No Sponsor Report

6.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Chair

Alysha Girard provided a brief Chair report.

7. Discussion and possible action on Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and 2 At-Large Members

of the Executive Committee

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the selection of the planning group's Chair. Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion that Alysha Girard continue serving as the Chair. Brandon Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the selection of the planning group Vice-Chair. Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion for Kristina Ramirez to serve as the Vice-Chair. Alysha Girard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the selection of the planning group's Secretary. Alysha Girard made the motion that Matt Phillips continue serving as the Secretary. Sujeeth Draksharam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the selection of the planning group's two Members at-Large of the Executive Committee. Matt Phillips made the motion that Charlotte Gilpin and Sujeeth Draksharam continue serving as Members at large of the Executive Committee. Kristina Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 10:00AM.

9. Adjourn

Alysha Girard adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on October 15, 2026.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair