

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 21, 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	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 Alt. Sheila Wiora	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 March 19, 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. Anthony Beach made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Matt Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Technical Consultant Team provided an update on the release of the Flood Intended Use Plan (FIUP). The Group requested an informational flyer to be sent out to the region discussing the importance of the FIUP and how it is distinct from Regional Flood Planning efforts. The Technical Team agreed to put together materials to post to the website and send through an email blast.

The Technical Consultant Team provided an update on Task 4C efforts. Alysha Girard asked if there is a public engagement component to the study efforts. The Technical Consultant Team replied that there is. The Technical Consultant Team will work with the sponsors to determine what avenue and timing works best for their community.

The Technical Consultant Team introduced Task 5A. Sujeeth Draksharam asked if there is a recommended FMS for flood warning along the Brazos River. Alysha Girard replied that there is a separate mechanism for funding flood warning systems outside of the regional flood planning effort in response to the 2025 July 4th flooding. The Technical Consultant Team replied that a sponsor has not brought forth a Brazos River gauge so there is not a recommended entry within the plan.

The Group discussed the potential for incorporating an additional exception to the 1 square mile rule for projects that benefit agriculture. It was decided that small projects benefiting agriculture would likely not have a regional impact.

The Technical Consultant Team recommended providing comments on the FIUP regarding considerations for agricultural benefits for funding distribution.

5. Report from:

5.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

Alexis Morganroth provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG. Also in attendance were TWDB Director Brady Franks and his Chief of Staff Ron Ellis.

5.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

No Sponsor Report

5.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Chair

Alysha Girard provided a brief Chair report.

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

The next meeting the planning group will hold the election of officers. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 10:00AM.

7. Adjourn

Alysha Girard adjourned the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on July 16, 2026.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair