

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, October 16, 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 10:00 am.

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

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

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approval of Minutes for the September 18, 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 as they were presented. Aaron Abel made the motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented and Sujeeth Draksharam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation from the US Army Corps of Engineers on the InFRM Watershed Hydrology Assessments

Helen Mossier with the US Army Corp of Engineers made a presentation on the InFRM Watershed Hydrology Assessments Study that is nearing completion in the Brazos Basin.

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

The Technical Consultant team provided a schedule overview and general updates on tasks currently underway. The Technical Consultant has completed the draft Task 2A Existing Conditions Flood Risk quilt and it is available on the map viewer on the Lower Brazos website. Accessibility changes have been made to make the data easier to view and understand. The Technical Consultant team provided an update on two changes being made to the draft Flood Quilt to finalize. Alysha Girard asked for the Technical Consultant team to be consistent on their labeling of Cursory TWDB data moving forward – can cause confusion when referring to it as “Fathom” in documentation and communications. The Technical Consultant team agreed.

The Technical Consultant Team provided an overview of the FMX requests received for inclusion in the 2028 Regional Flood Plan.

Sujeeth Draksharam asked if we could post the FMX request list online. Ryan mentioned that the list will be included in the Tech Memo which will be published. Alysha mentioned that this data is in draft form so isn't ready to publish quite yet.

The Technical Consultant presented an overview of Tasks 4C and 5B. Anthony Beech mentioned that mapping is being completed by other agencies. Ryan agreed that the TWDB has emphasized FMEs that produce FMPs or FMSs.

Sujeeth Draksharam mentioned that he would prefer focus on flood reduction for rural areas. In urban areas, the budget the RFPG will not be sufficient to address flood risk, so better to focus on rural areas.

Alysha Girard asked the Technical Consultant team to consider two other filters: number of downgraded FMPs (sponsors wanted FMP but didn't have the information, prioritize), likelihood of sponsor actually following through to apply for funding and implement the project (entity's timing, interest, and financial situation).

Alysha asked what population dataset is being used for this differentiation. The 2020 census is currently being used, but we can update to a more current dataset. Kristina Ramirez will send over the data set they use for their City for our reference as well. We can update the list based on a better dataset.

Alysha mentions that maybe we should utilize 25,000 as the threshold to align with our small/large municipality seat distinction. We could move the seat distinction to align with this rural definition if preferred.

Sujeeth mentions that there is substantial agriculture that might need to be considered. He also mentioned that maybe we should look at even a lower threshold, of 5,000 to see what the list would look like. Ryan points out that if you are looking at the really small populations, the FME areas might become less than one square mile. Maybe the combination of these two things (small but spread out) could be a threshold.

Technical Consultant can bring back before end of the year and look at any other ideas the group has at that time.

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

No Sponsor report this month.

6.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Liaisons and Chair

Alysha and Pam have put some items together for discussion on bylaws to discuss next month.

Potentially vote in December if there is interest in these items.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 10:00AM.

Adjourn

Anthony Beach adjourned the meeting at 11:13 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on November 20, 2025.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair