

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
April 16, 2018  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held in the Meeting Room of the Lavaca Navidad River Authority Office Complex, 4631 FM 3131, located approximately seven (7) miles east of Edna, Jackson County, Texas off FM 3131 on Monday, April 16, 2018 at noon.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Marie Day, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Richard Ottis, Edward Pustka, L.G. Raun, Gary Skalicky, Michael Skalicky, Phillip Spenrath, Chairman Harrison Stafford II, and Ed Weinheimer.

Absent Voting Group Members were: John Butschek, Jim Coleman, Robert Martin, Robert Shoemate and David Wagner.

Also present was: Ron Ellis and Elizabeth McCoy of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Josh Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics Corporation, Rusty Ray of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Dennis Simons, Steve Cooper, and Bart McBeth, public. Also present was Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice President, Doug Anders, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Operations, and Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Administration.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed. M Skalicky moved to approve the minutes as presented. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Accept Resignation**

Brzozowski informed the Board that Chairman Stafford had submitted his resignation letter to the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group.

Brzozowski moved to accept the resignation, with regrets, from Harrison Stafford II as Chairman and voting member of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Raun announced his resignation from the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group.

Brzowski moved to accept the resignation, with regrets, from L.G. Raun as Vice Chairman and voting member of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Resolution Presentation to Harrison Stafford II**

Brzowski presented Stafford with a Resolution recognizing his diligence in carrying out the duties and responsibilities while serving twenty years on the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group.

M Skalicky moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Nominations for New Voting Members**

Raun introduced Steve Cooper, Wharton County, and nominated Cooper to serve on the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group representing Agricultural, Wharton County. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brzowski introduced Dennis Simons, Jackson County Judge, and nominated Simons to serve on the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group representing Counties, Jackson County. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Maloney introduced Bart McBeth, Lavaca County, and nominated McBeth to serve on the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group representing Agricultural, Lavaca County. Putska seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Conduct Election of Officers**

Weinheimer moved to re-elect Brzowski as Secretary of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. G Skalicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brzowski moved to nominate Hudgins to serve as Vice Chairman of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Weinheimer moved to nominate Spenrath to serve as Chairman of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. M Skalicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Putska moved to nominate the Executive Committee as follows: Spenrath, Hudgins, Brzowski, Coleman, Day, Maloney, and Weinheimer. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board**

Ellis briefed the Group via Power Point presentation on the Texas Water Development Board Update on revised 31 Texas Administrative Code Rules, Chapters 355 and 357. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

### **Briefing from AECOM Consultant**

Burke briefed the Group on the following:

- Update on process and progress, including project status to date.
- Presentation of final population and water demand projections.
- Discussion of water availability and supplies.
- Discussion of wholesale water providers and major water providers.
- Upcoming work effort and timeline.

The Group was presented a copy of the information including final population and water demand projections, and wholesale water providers and major water providers.

### **Identifying Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies**

Burke briefed the Group on the process on identifying potentially feasible water management strategies according to the Texas Water Development Board guidelines for Water Management Strategies. Burke presented the Lavaca Region Identification Process for Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies.

There were no public comments.

Brzowski moved to approve the process on identifying potentially feasible water management strategies as presented to the Group. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Regional Water Planning Contract Amendment**

Ellis briefed the Group on the proposed regional water planning contract amendment with TWDB for additional funding. The additional committed funds of \$83,547 will bring the total committed funds amount to \$122,544.

Brzowski moved to approve Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (LNRA) as the contracting entity, to execute the contract amendment with TWDB for additional funding as presented and to negotiate with the TWDB for additional funding if available. M Skalicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Future Meeting Dates**

Meetings are to be scheduled in June and September. A poll via email will be taken of the members to determine a date in which the majority can attend.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman