

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
February 23, 2017  
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 Thursday, February 23, 2017 at noon.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, John Butschek, Tom Chandler, Jim Coleman, Marie Day, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Robert Martin, Richard Ottis, L.G. Raun, Robert Shoemate, Phillip Spenrath, Michael Skalicky, Chairman Harrison Stafford II, and Ed Weinheimer.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Robert Martin, Edward Pustka, and David Wagner.

Also present was: Ron Ellis and Scott Galaway of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Josh Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Gary Skalicky, Jackson County citizen. Also present was Stephen Cortes of Kip Averitt and Associates, Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice President, Sandy Johs, LNRA Board member, 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 December 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

Skalicky moved to approve the minutes as presented. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Nominations for New Voting Members**

Brzozowski informed the Group that a Notice of Solicitation for Nominations for Persons to Serve on the LRWPG for the three open positions had been published in the area newspapers, with no response.

Michael Skalicky moved to nominate Gary Skalicky to fill the Jackson County, Agriculture position. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Day informed the Group that she was actively seeking potential members for the Lavaca County open positions.

### **Election of Officers**

Maloney moved to re-elect Stafford, Chairman, Raun, Vice-Chairman, and Brzozowski, Secretary of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group and Jim Coleman, Jack Maloney, Phillip Spenrath, and Ed Weinheimer to the Executive Committee. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Briefing from AECOM Consultant**

Burke briefed the Group on the following:

- Notice to Apply for Grant Funds was posted on February 1, 2017.
- Grant application for funding was submitted to TWDB on February 6, 2017.
- Scope and Schedule for 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Cycle.
- Draft Population and Municipal Demand Projections.
- Draft Mining Demand Projections

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

Galaway updated the Group on the SWIFT funding. Applications were due February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 22 applications were received totaling approximately 1.9 billion from across the state of Texas.

Ellis briefed the Group on the modeled available groundwater (MAG) peak factor. The Group was presented information regarding the MAG peak factor produced by the Texas Water Development Board.

Ellis also presented the Group via powerpoint a Water Planning introduction, indicating information on the water planning process.

### **Briefing on Goldwater Project**

Stephen Cortes from Kip Averitt and Associates presented the Group with information regarding the Goldwater Project.

Averitt and Associates have been contracted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to quantify and measure water conservation strategies being implemented in all 16 regions under the 2017 State Water Plan. The TWDB wants to know how much progress is being made toward reaching the conservation goals laid out in the state water plan.

One of the goals of the Goldwater Project is to ensure a uniform methodology for measuring conservation in all regions that also accounts for unique situations among utilities. Ultimately, planners will have a reliable numerical value for the conservation work being done. Cortes stated that reports should be available for the Group by August 2017.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

The Group's next regular meeting will be scheduled for mid July.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Harrison Stafford II  
Chairman