

Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

Minutes of June 16, 2021 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. in the Board 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 and was also available through video teleconference. Board members present were President Kubecka, Vice President Adelman, Secretary-Treasurer Parker and Directors Aimone, Johs, Kucera, Steffek, Storz, and Taylor. Also present was LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Anders, Gregory, Martin, Pearson, Terry, Hartl, Sklar, and Crenshaw. Also present was Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP. Mike Reedy of Freese and Nichols, Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics, and Blake Petrash of the City of Ganado attended the meeting through video conferencing.

President Kubecka called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

General Manager's Report

- Community Education Center Project Update
- Non-LE Employee Request to Carry Firearm
- Sunset Review Process
- Texas Ethics Commission Personal Financial Statements due June 30, 2021
- Independence Day Celebration – July 3rd
- BRC End of Summer Bash -July 24th
- Interruptible Water
- Transco Pipeline Repairs
- First Responders and Health Care Heroes Appreciation Event
- Alligator Project
- TWDB Regional Flood Planning

Consent Agenda

President Kubecka called for questions or comments to the Consent Agenda items as follows:

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of May 19, 2021 and act as necessary.
2. Consider acceptance of May 2021 financial statements and act as necessary.
3. Consider approval of invoices for payment and act as necessary.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-3 as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regular Agenda

RSM US LLP Arrangement Letter for Annual Financial Audit

Brzowski briefed the Board on the arrangement letter from RSM US LLP to perform LNRA's annual independent audit for the period ending September 30, 2021. Fee for the services is not to exceed \$62,000, plus out of pocket expenses of approximately 12%-15% of fees. If GASB84 is applicable to LNRA, an additional fee of \$7,500 will be charged. Determination of applicability of GASB84 has not yet been determined.

Director Parker moved to approve the arrangement letter from RSM US LLP for the FY2021 annual independent audit as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LNRA Employee Health Benefits 2020-2021

LNRA currently provides employee health benefits through TML Health Benefits Pool.

LNRA pays for 100% of employee premiums and 50% of dependent premiums for employees.

The Board was presented a copy of the Health Benefit Proposal, which includes the current plan and the associated costs and the proposed 2021-2022 plan option and associated costs.

Director Storz moved to approve LNRA employee health benefits for 2021-2022 as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LNRA's Employee Retirement Benefits and Employer Contribution Rates

LNRA's retirement plan is with the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS). The Board was presented a copy of the funding projections for Plan Year 2022 and program benefit information.

Brzowski briefed the Board on the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority's employer contribution rate to TCDRS. TCDRS requires that participating employers review and confirm their benefit plans on an annual basis.

The calculated employer contribution rate for 2022 is 10.94%. LNRA Management recommends continuing contributing at the optional higher elected rate of 15% for 2022.

Director Adelman moved to approve to continue contributing at the optional higher elected rate of 15% for 2022 as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Main Event Center Structural Member Rehabilitation

Brzowski informed the Board that LNRA had solicited bids for the MEC structural member, east awning, rehabilitation. Two bids were received as follows:

Contractor	Scope of Work	Amount
*Neumann Welding	Equipment, labor, materials, and superintendence to sandblast, treat and protect select structural steel members of the eastern awning section of the Main Event Center. The treatment shall be an industrial grade application to include an abrasive blast to near white metal followed by a zinc-based primer (Carboguard 635) topped with a modified siloxane hybrid topcoat (Carbothane 134 HG). The base plates will be primed, sealed with Carboguard 501, primed again, then top coated.	\$ 120,780.00
Palacios Marine & Industrial (PMI)	Equipment, labor, materials, and superintendence to sandblast, treat and protect select structural steel members of the eastern awning section of the Main Event Center. The treatment shall be an industrial grade application to include an abrasive blast to near white metal followed by a zinc-based primer (Carboguard 635) topped with a modified siloxane hybrid topcoat (Carbothane 134 HG). The base plates will be primed, sealed with Carboguard 501, primed again, then top coated.	\$ 139,200.00

Management recommends accepting the bid from Neumann Welding in the amount of \$120,780.00.

Director Johs moved to approve the bid from Neumann Welding for \$120,780.00 as presented. Director Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

RFQ for Regional Water Planning – Sixth Cycle

Brzowski informed the Board that Request for Qualifications were solicited to provide professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Area. Three (3) firms, AECOM, Black & Veatch, and Freese and Nichols submitted qualifications.

The Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group (LRWPG) met on June 14, 2021, and approved Black & Veatch to provide professional services for the sixth cycle of regional water planning.

As the contracting entity, LNRA Board must consider approval of the professional services agreement between Black & Veatch and LNRA for the sixth cycle of regional water planning.

Director Adelman moved to approve Black & Veatch to provide professional services as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Agreement between LNRA and U.S. Geological Survey

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed standard joint-funding agreement between LNRA and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for surface-water and water-quality data collection activities for the period from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

LNRA will contribute budgeted funds of \$91,526 and USGS will contribute \$29,810 to cover the cost of the necessary field and analytical work related to the agreement for a total of \$121,336.

The Board was presented a copy of the agreement for their review.

Director Taylor moved to approve the agreement between LNRA and USGS as presented. Director Aimone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TCEQ Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Funding

Brzowski briefed the Board on the available funding by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for flood infrastructure financing including hydrologic and hydraulic modeling for use in developing flood mitigation/reduction improvements.

The City of Edna joined with Jackson County-Wide Drainage District to plan for improvements to Dry Creek through Edna.

County-Wide Drainage contracted with Eric Scheibe Consulting to apply for TWDB funding. As part of the competitive/grant process, the District was forced into expanding the modeling effort to include the Lavaca River from Edna to the Jackson County line in order to gain the needed points to be successful in being awarded grant funds.

TWDB announced additional funding is available or funds are available that were not applied for. Eric Scheibe contacted LNRA about adding/joining the work by the District and include the upper portions of the Lavaca River from above Moulton to the Lavaca/Jackson County lines.

Brzowski has met with Lavaca County, the City of Hallettsville, Moulton, and Lavaca County Flood Control District No. 3 to gauge their interest in funding/participating in the expansion of the study.

The TWDB funding is based on a 25% local match. The suggested match for this expansion into Lavaca County is around \$150,000. Brzowski recommended that LNRA participate.

Director Parker moved to approve match funding or hydraulic and hydrologic modeling of the upper portion of the Lavaca River Watershed not to exceed \$30,000. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

87th Legislature Bills of Interest

Dugat briefed the Board on bills of interest that have been sent to the Governor for signature and those bills signed as of June 10, 2021.

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Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project

The Board was presented a copy of Freese and Nichols Status Report as of May 1- 31, 2021.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Ronald Kubecka
President

Terri Parker
Secretary-Treasurer