

Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

Minutes of July 21, 2021 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 21, 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, Directors Aimone, Johs, Kucera, Steffek, Storz, and Taylor. Also present was LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Anders, Gregory, Martin, Pearson, Terry, Hartl, Sklar, and Crenshaw; and Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP. Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics attended the meeting through video conferencing.

President Kubecka called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

General Manager's Report

- General Manager's Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2021
- Community Education Center Project Update
- Sunset Review Update
- Lake Texana Culvert Replacement Project Update
- Open Meeting Requirements effective September 1, 2021
- Texas Native Seeds Project Update
- Water Update – Rainfall and Releases
- BRC End of Summer Bash -July 24th
- Community Development Partnership Program Grant Applications due July 30th
- Clean Rivers Program Annual Meeting
- LNRA 457 Retirement Plan Update
- LNRA Strategic Management Plan
- LNRA Emergency Action Plan Updates Requested by TCEQ

Consent Agenda

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

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of June 16, 2021 and act as necessary.
2. Consider acceptance of June 2021 financial statements and act as necessary.
3. Consider approval of invoices for payment and act as necessary.
4. Consider approval of quarterly investment report as of June 30, 2021 and act as necessary.

5. Consider approval of proposed budget amendments and act as necessary.

Gregory briefed the Board on the activity of investments as reported on the Quarterly Investment Report as of June 30, 2021. Texpool earned an average rate of .01% while Prosperity Bank earned .20% for the quarter. The Board was presented a copy of the quarterly report for their review.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regular Agenda

Disposal of Assets

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed disposal of assets. According to LNRA Board Policy – 306 - Disposition of Personal Property, the Board must consider approval to dispose of property as summarized. These assets are fully depreciated and no longer useable or serviceable.

A disposal sale is tentatively planned for early fall 2021.

Director Taylor moved to approve the proposed disposal of assets as presented. Director Aimone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Proposed Reserve Contingency Fund Reallocations

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed reserve contingency fund reallocations. The Board was presented a copy for their review.

Director Johs moved to approve the proposed reserve contingency fund reallocations as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Proposed Reserve Contingency Fund Expenditures

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed reserve contingency fund expenditures as follows:

Brackenridge Park

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| Electrical Upgrade Project – Phase I | |
| To include three (3) critical areas | \$ 20,000.00 |

Plans are to implement Phase II in fiscal year 2022 at an approximate cost of \$50,000.00. Funding options for Phase II will be available at a future meeting.

Replace piping at Wastewater Plant #1 in Brackenridge Park

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| Removal of existing piping, relocate by-pass to outside of pumphouse, reconnection of existing water line. | \$ 8,800.00 |
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Main Event Center

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| Ice Maker Replacement | \$ 8,500.00 |
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In accordance with LNRA BOARD POLICY 304 – PROCUREMENT, bids are solicited for proposed expenditures as applicable.

Director Storz moved to approve the proposed reserve contingency expenditures as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Water Monitoring Solutions Proposal

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposal from Water Monitoring Solutions for preparation of Clean Rivers Program FY 2022 Basin Summary Report.

In accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Clean Rivers Program, LNRA must provide a Basin Summary Report every five (5) years. The report contains a comprehensive review of water quality for the Lavaca Basin.

LNRA utilized Water Monitoring Solutions in 2012 and 2017 to prepare the Basin Summary Report. The Board was presented a copy of the proposal from Water Monitoring Solutions at a cost of \$16,500.00. Funds are budgeted for this report.

Director Adelman moved to approve the proposal from Water Monitoring Solutions as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TCEQ Clean Rivers Program Contract

Brzowski briefed the Board the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Clean Rivers Program Contract effective September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2023.

Each biennium LNRA acts on our Clean Rivers Program (CRP) funding grant that is administered through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Initiated in 1991, the Texas CRP is our state's chosen method to effectively respond to water quality issues on a Basin level. The program involves Basin Stakeholders in the assessment of water quality data and planning for and implementing improvements.

The Board was presented a copy of the TCEQ Reimbursement Contract with associated funding of \$198,596.00. The CRP grant partially funds LNRA's effort associated with our water quality data collection and analysis initiative. The balance of funding is included in the General Fund Budget, Environmental Services.

Director Johs moved to approve TCEQ Clean Rivers Program Contract as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Post-65 Retiree Health Benefits

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed post-65 retiree health benefits for 2021-2022. TML Health is offering new benefits packages for post-65 retirees. Each package includes: a Transamerica Medicare Supplement retiree medical plan, a Medicare Advantage plan through Humana, and a prescription drug plan, Retiree RxCare.

Post-65 retirees pay 100% of all premiums.

The General Manager recommends Package 2, which mirrors the current plan, and adding the voluntary dental and vision plans for post-65 retirees. The Board was presented a copy of the proposed plan.

Director Taylor moved to approve the post-65 retiree health benefits as recommended by the General Manager. Director Kucera seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TWDB Contract for Regional Water Planning

Brzowski briefed the Board on the contract between Texas Water Development Board and LNRA (as the contracting entity) for initial funding for the sixth cycle of regional water planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group 2026 Water Plan. The initial funding is \$87,064.00.

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

Director Adelman moved to approve the contract between TWDB and LNRA as presented. Director Aimone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Black & Veatch Professional Services Agreement

The Board tabled this item until the August Board meeting.

LNRA Professional Services List

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed addition of Black & Veatch for Regional Water Planning to the LNRA Professional Services List.

Director Taylor moved to approve the Professional Services List as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project

The Board was presented a copy of Freese and Nichols Status Report as of June 1-30, 2021.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

President

Terri Parker
Secretary-Treasurer