

## **Lavaca-Navidad River Authority**

### **Minutes of October 20, 2021 Board Meeting**

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 20, 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 Adelman, Vice President Johs, Secretary-Treasurer Parker, Directors Aimone, Kucera, Mitchell, Steffek, and Storz. Also present was LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Anders, Gregory, Martin, Pearson, Terry, Hartl, Sklar, and Crenshaw; Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, and Jessica Coleman of Jackson County Herald Tribune. Also present for the CDPP Grant award presentation, was Glenn Martin of Jackson County, Bill Rakowitz of Cross Roads Radio Ham Club, and Adam Ulbricht and Carolina Jalufka of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Mike Rivet of Formosa attended via video teleconference.

President Adelman called the meeting to order.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **General Manager's Report**

- Presentation of Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP) Grants

Jackson County	\$ 50,000.00	Historic Jail Renovations
Vanderbilt Baptist Church	\$ 50,000.00	Fellowship Hall Construction
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce	\$ 3,204.20	Upgrade LED Sign
Cross Roads Radio Ham Club	\$ 2,750.00	Radio Antenna Relocation

- General Manager's Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2021
- SB3 Update – Public Utility Commission Correspondence
- Request for Records – Oscar Renda/Corpus Christi
- Formosa Water Demands
- Spooktacular Trail and Carnival – Texana Park – October 23, 2021
- Veterans Appreciation Dinner November 11, 2021
- Wounded Heroes Hunt November 9-11, 2021
- Community Education Center Grand Opening November 17<sup>th</sup> (following Board meeting)
- Permitless Carry in Texas

### **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of September 22, 2021 and act as necessary.
2. Consider acceptance of September 2021 financial statements and act as necessary.



<b>Pump Components Funds</b>	<b>Pump No. 5 Cost</b>	<b>Quote Pump No. 3</b>		<b>Requested</b>
Impeller Section	\$ 44,892.38	RPM Services	\$ 44,268.50	\$ 45,000.00
Columns and Shafts	\$107,039.10	RPM Services	\$107,075.50	\$110,000.00
Motor	\$ 48,212.00	Etheredge	\$ 53,033.00	\$ 55,000.00
Control Valve	\$ 49,985.00	GA Industrial	\$ 55,985.00	\$ 56,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$250,128.48</b>		<b>\$260,362.00</b>	<b>\$266,000.00</b>

Funds are available in the West Delivery System Capital budget.

Director Steffek moved to approve the proposed West Delivery System expenditure as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Proposed West Delivery System Expenditure – Pump No. 5**

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed West Delivery System expenditure for pump No. 5 impeller section repairs as follows:

<b>Pump Components</b>	<b>Pump No. 6 Cost</b>	<b>Quote Pump No. 5</b>		<b>Requested Funds</b>
Impeller Section	\$ 65,150.00	RPM Services	\$ 44,268.50	\$ 45,000.00

Funds are available in the West Delivery System Capital budget.

Director Parker moved to approve the proposed West Delivery System expenditure as presented. Director Kucera seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Freese and Nichols Task Authorization #39**

Brzowski briefed the Board on the Freese and Nichols Task Authorization #39 for 2021-2022 General Professional Dam Safety Services in the amount of \$100,000.00. This Task Authorization shall be in effect through September 30, 2022.

The Board was presented a copy of the Task Authorization #39 and associated Scope of Work, including deliverables and project schedule for their review.

Director Parker moved to approve FNI Task Authorization #39 for General Professional Dam Safety Services (2021-2022) as presented. Director Aimone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Lavaca River Watershed Flood Modeling and Analysis**

The Board was briefed at the June 2021 meeting on the available funding by the Texas Water Development Board for flood infrastructure financing including hydrologic and hydraulic modeling for use in developing flood mitigation/reduction improvements.

The Board approved to match funding for the modeling of the upper portion of the Lavaca River Watershed not to exceed \$30,000, based on the estimated total project cost of \$150,000.

Eric Scheibe Consulting, consultant contracted to apply for the TWDB funding, has since worked to achieve an equitable split between entities (LNRA, Lavaca County, Hallettsville, Lavaca Drainage District, and Moulton)

based on stream miles. LNRA's contribution is estimated to be \$60,000.00 with a total of 95.63 stream miles.

LNRA's participation with the Lavaca County entities will aid in future planning for all the groups involved and will give a more complete understanding of the Lavaca River Watershed.

Funds are available in the Environmental Recreation Reserve Fund.

Director Johs moved to approve expenditure of an additional \$30,000.00 (total of \$60,000.00) for flood modeling and analysis of the upper portion of the Lavaca River Watershed as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Briefing on Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project**

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

Brzozowski briefed the Board as follows:

Bickerstaff, Freese and Nichols (FNI), and LNRA met October 11th to review and discuss the letter and the comments/suggested treatment of permit related issues as presented by Myron Hess on behalf of representatives of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and others. It was decided that LNRA's legal counsel would draft an initial response to the issues cited surrounding the treatment of LNRA's Stage II Authorization and future water appropriations, the statutory re-opener rule based on future updates to the TCEQ's E-flow rules, and our intended approach to possible entrainment and impingement issues.

Additionally, it was decided to make available to NWF, LNRA's preliminary site assessment of the off-channel reservoir site, prepared by FNI, in response to questions surrounding the identification of impacts of the off-channel reservoir.

Don Sachtleben has completed the landman work in his investigation of the mineral estate that was needed by the title company and Bickerstaff. Once the findings have been reviewed, there may or may not be a need for additional work.

LNRA is communicating with the surveyor to clear up other schedule issues identified by the title company and Bickerstaff.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may release a draft permit to LNRA for review and comment as early as December 2021.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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Jerry Adelman  
President

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Terri Parker  
Secretary-Treasurer