

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
June 14, 2021
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 12:00 p.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.

Voting Group Members present were Chairman Phillip Spenrath, Vice Chairman Neil Hudgins, Secretary Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Steve Cooper, Lee Hafernick, Jack Maloney, Robert Shoemate, Jill Sklar, and Ed Weinheimer. Also present was LNRA Board President Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory, and LNRA Assistant Operations Manager Scott Hartl. Voting Group Members Richard Ottis and Michael Sklalicky, Texas Water Development Board Project Manager Jean Devlin, Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics, Jamie McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture, and Tim Andruss of Region L, attended via video teleconference.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Jim Coleman, Marie Day, Bart McBeth, Edward Pustka, and David Wagner.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Weinheimer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Sklar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominations for New Voting Members

Brzozowski informed the Group that there are three (3) vacancies in Lavaca County, Small Business, Municipalities, and Public, and one (1) vacancy in Jackson County, Agriculture.

The Group will continue to seek new members to fill the vacancies.

Election of Officers

Cooper moved to re-elect the current slate of officers of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group as follows: Spenrath, Chairman, Hudgins, Vice-Chairman, Brzozowski, Secretary. Sklar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brzozowski moved to re-elect the current Executive Committee as follows: Spenrath, Hudgins, Brzozowski, Coleman, Day, Maloney, and Weinheimer. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

Devlin briefed the Group as follows:

1. Amendments to Rules
 - TWDB adopted amendments to rules on 5/10/21
 - Link to adopted rules: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/board/2021/05/Board/Brd03.pdf>
TWDB is also updating the regional water planning rules pamphlet and public notification quick-reference documents.
2. Pre-Planning Interregional Coordination
 - Guidance on pre-planning interregional coordination was sent on 5/17/21.
3. Preliminary Input Request
 - Preliminary input request of state water planning guidance principles
4. 87th Legislature passed bills that directly affect Regional Water Planning
 - HB 1905 – Relating to relieving regional water planning groups of certain duties
 - SB 669 – Relating to certain reports created by the Texas Water Development Board
 - HB 2225 – Relating to the powers and duties of the Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the Texas Water Trust.

Public Notice of a Pre-Planning Public Meeting

Sklar moved to authorize the Lavaca Navidad River Authority to provide public notice of a pre-planning public meeting. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Request for Qualifications

Brzowski briefed the Group on the qualifications received for professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Area – 2026 Regional Water Plan. Qualifications were received from AECOM, Black & Veatch, and Freese & Nichols. The Group discussed each firm's qualifications.

Weinheimer moved to recommend Black & Veatch with Jaime Burke as Project Manager to provide professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Area. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Authorize LNRA to Execute Contract

Cooper moved to authorize Lavaca-Navidad River Authority, contracting entity, to execute a contract with the approved consultant group for professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Area. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Schedule Future Meetings

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for August 23, 2021 at noon.

Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman