

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
August 23, 2021  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. in the O & M 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 Vice Chariman Neil Hudgins, Secretary Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Jim Coleman, Richard Ottis, Robert Shoemate, Michael Skalicky, and Ed Weinheimer. Voting Group members Chairman Phillip Spentrath, Jack Maloney, and Lee Hafernick attended the meeting via video teleconference. Also present was LNRA Board Vice President Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Members Sandy Johs and Jennifer Storz, LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory, and LNRA Assistant Operations Manager Scott Hartl, and Jaime Burke, Lauren Gonzalez, and Katie Snyder of Black and Veatch. Attending via video teleconference from Texas Water Development Board was Board Member Kathleen Jackson, Chief of Staff to Jackson, Jennifer White, Manager Sarah Backhouse, and Project Manager Jean Devlin, Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics, Jamie McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture, Leslie Hartman of Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Jordan Furnans of LRE Water LLC.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Steve Cooper, Marie Day, Bart McBeth, Edward Pustka, and Jill Sklar.

Vice Chairman Hudgins called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Voting Group Member Ottis ask for a moment of silence in remembrance of Gary Skalicky, former Group member, who passed on May 31, 2021.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Weinheimer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Skalicky 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.

**Pre-Planning Meeting**

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

Burke introduced Katie Snyder and Lauren Gonzalez of Black and Veatch.

Burke presented, via Power Point, the following Pre-Planning Meeting Items:

1. Lavaca Region background and initial scope of work.  
Discussion included:
  - A brief history and summary of regional water planning in Texas.
  - Consideration should be given to population and demand growth, drought of record water supply projections, and impacts of water anagement strategies.
  - Lavaca Regional Water Planning Area and 2026 Plan Initial Scope of Work.
2. Receive Public input on issues that should be addressed or included in the 2026 Regional Water Plan or 2027 State Water Plan.
  - Jordan Furnans indicated he was available to give a presentation to the Group at the next scheduled meeting.
3. Discuss process for interregional coordination for water management strategies during development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan.
  - The Group discussed how LRWPG could conduct interregional coordination and collaboration regarding water management strategies during development of the 2026 Water Plans. Brzozowski stated he would make himself available for online discussions with other regions to stay informed and coordinate if there were common interregional water management strategies.
4. Consider the identification of water management strategies which may create opportunities for collaboration and cooperation with other planning regions.
  - The 2021 Lavaca Regional Water Plan had no recommended strategies that involve multiple regions.
  - The Group does not anticipate water management strategies that may involve multiple regions.
5. Consider a course of action for interregional coordination with other regional water planning groups.
  - The Group discussed appointing at the next scheduled meeting, a LRWPG liaison for interregional coordination with other regional water planning groups.

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

TWDB Board Member Kathleen Jackson addressed and commended the Group.

Devlin briefed the Group as follows:

- Subcontract Guidance for 2026 Regional Water Planning Contracts
- Groups received an email describing subcontract submittal requirements for the 2026 Regional Water Planning Contracts.
- For specific requirements:  
[www.twdb.texas.gov/about/contract\\_admin/doc/Subcontracting\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/about/contract_admin/doc/Subcontracting_Guidelines.pdf)

Copy of TWDB Subcontracting Guidelines is attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

**Schedule Future Meetings**

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for February 28, 2022 at noon.

**Receive Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman