

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
February 28, 2022
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the Board 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 audio/video teleconference.

Voting Group Members present were Secretary Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Lee Hafernack, Dick Ottis, Robert Shoemate, and Jill Sklar. Voting Group members Marie Day, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, and Michael Skalicky attended the meeting via audio/video teleconference. Also present was LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman and Vice President Sandy Johs, and LNRA Board Members Vance Mitchell and Jennifer Storz, LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager Doug Anders, and LNRA Assistant Operations Manager Scott Hartl. Also in attendance was Texas Water Development Board Kathleen Jackson and Jaime Burke and Lauren Gonzalez of Black and Veatch. Others attending via audio/video teleconference were Ron Ellis, Daniel Collazo, and Katie Dahlberg of Texas Water Development Board.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Jim Coleman, Steve Cooper, Bart McBeth, Edward Pustka, Philip Spenrath, and Ed Weinheimer.

Secretary Brzozowski called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Group and spoke of TWDB's involvement with the water planning groups. Jackson commended the Group for their continued leadership and dedication in the regional planning process. She encouraged all to contact her with questions or assistance.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Sklar moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ottis 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. Solicitations in local newspapers and conversations with the Counties have not been successful in new member interest.

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

Election of Officers

Ottis 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 and re-elect the current

Executive Committee as follows: Spenrath, Hudgins, Brzozowski, Coleman, Day, Maloney, and Weinheimer. Hafernack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominations for Regional Water Planning Liaisons

Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPG) shall add members designated by each adjacent RWPG to serve as a liaison. The liaisons will be non-voting members. Region K (Lower Colorado) and Region L (South Central Texas) are adjacent regions to Region P. Although Region N (Coastal Bend) is not adjacent to Region P, since water supplies are sent from Region P to Region N, it is recommended to consider a liaison for Region N.

Shoemate moved to nominate Marie Day as Region K liaison and Patrick Brzozowski as Region L and Region N liaison. Sklar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Interregional Planning Council

The purpose of the Interregional Planning Council is to improve coordination among the RWPGs and between RWPGs and TWDB, facilitate dialogue regarding regional water management strategies, and to share operational best practices of the regional water planning process.

Sklar moved to nominate Brzozowski as a member and Ottis as an alternate to serve on the Interregional Planning Council. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

Ellis presented an update to the Group as follows:

RWP Rule Updates

- TWDB developed rulemaking materials to address preliminary stakeholder input on the state water planning guidance principles and regional water planning rule topics.
- TWDB Board approved rulemaking proposal on December 16, 2021.
- The proposal was published in the Texas Register on December 31, 2021, and there was a public comment period through January 31, 2022.
- The final rule package will be presented to the TWDB Board in the Spring.

Interregional Planning Council

- TWDB is soliciting nominations for the 2nd Interregional Planning Council.
- Each RWPG is requested to take action and submit at least one nomination (and alternate for each nomination) to TWDB by April 22, 2022.
- Anticipate TWDB Board appointment of the Council to occur in June, 2022.

Mining Water Use Study

- TWDB is contracting with UT Bureau of Economic Geology to assess mining water use and update mining demand projections for 2026 RWPs.
- Draft technical report and data – March 2022
- Final technical report and data dashboard – June 2022
- Website for updates:
<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/miningstudy/index.asp>

RWP Contact Amendments

- Upcoming contract amendments:
Anticipated Summer 2022
Contract amendment will include anticipated total project cost, full scope of work, and updated contract guidance document (Exhibits C and D)

6th Round Demand Projections

- Draft projections and supporting materials released 1/20 on livestock, manufacturing, and steam-electric power water demands. Data available online, along with interactive dashboards:
<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/projections.asp>
- Anticipated release schedule for remaining projections data:
March 2022: release draft Water User Group list + historical population, net use, and gallons per capita daily
August 2022: release draft irrigation and mining water demand projections
February 2023: release draft population projections, plumbing code savings and municipal demand projections.

6th Cycle of Regional Water Planning Web Page

- 6th Cycle of RWP landing page:
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/index.asp>
- Page includes planning documents such as the 6th cycle plan timeline, BMP Guide, rules pamphlet, contract docs, planning newsletters, and Chairs' Conference Call notes.
- RegionalWaterPlanning@twdb.Texas.gov is now being used for broadcast communications to RWPGs regarding regional water planning.

Presentation from Texas Water Development Board

Katie Dahllberg, Water Supply Planning, TWDB gave a presentation to the Group via power point on Non-Municipal Projections Methodology which included:

- Overview projections process
- Projections data release schedule
- Non-municipal water demand projections methodologies
Irrigation
Livestock
Manufacturing
Mining
Steam-Electric Power

Briefing and Update from Black and Veatch

Jaime Burke, Black and Veatch briefed the Group on the following:

- 2026 Planning Timeline
- Draft Projections for Livestock, Manufacturing, and Steam-Electric
TWDB released in January: Manufacturing, Steam-Electric, and Livestock for review. Any revision request needs to be coordinated with TWDB by July 2023, but may be submitted any time before then.

Schedule Future Meetings

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for May 16, 2022 at noon.

Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman