

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
May 16, 2022  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, May 16, 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 Chairman Spenrath, Secretary Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Lee Hafernick, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Robert Shoemate, Jill Sklar, and Ed Weinheimer. Also present was LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman and LNRA Board member 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 Jaime Burke of Black and Veatch, Jami McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture, and Tony Franklin of Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board. Others attending via audio/video teleconference were Jean Devlin of Texas Water Development Board, Katie Snyder and Alicia Smiley of Black and Veatch, Tim Andruss, South Texas Regional Water Planning Group liaison to LRWPG, Leslie Hartman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Sharon Skoruppa, public citizen.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Jim Coleman, Steve Cooper, Marie Day, Richard Ottis, Edward Pustka, and Michael Sklalicky.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the February 28, 2022 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.

Shoemate nominated Vance Mitchell for a new voting member, Jackson County, Agriculture. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brzozowski stated he would contact Mitchell to confirm his interest in being a member of the LRWPG.

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

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

Jean Devlin, Texas Water Development Board presented an update to the Group as follows:

1. Regional Water Planning Rulemaking  
Detailed information is available on the TWDB website:  
<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/board/2022/04/Board/Brd04.pdf>
2. Key Rule Changes  
Regional Water Planning Rules (31 TAC Chapter 357)  
State Water Planning Rules (31 TAC Chapter 358)
3. Interregional Planning Council
4. Mining Water Use Study
5. RWP Contract Amendments
6. 6<sup>th</sup> Round Demand Projections
7. 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Regional water Planning Web Page  
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/index.asp>

The Group was presented a copy of the power point presentation for their review.

### **Reports from Regional Liasons and Interregional Planning Council Representative**

No reports were given.

### **Authorize LNRA to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the TWDB Contract**

Hudgins moved to authorize Lavaca-Navidad River Authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Texas Water Development Board contract to incorporate the full scope of work and total project cost for the 2026 Regional Water Plan. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Briefing and Update from Black and Veatch**

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

- Schedule and Progress Update
- Draft municipal WUG List and Historical Data
- Update and discussion on draft projections from TWDB for Livestock, Manufacturing, and Steam-Electric.

The Group was presented with handouts with data information and associated links.

Brzowski moved to approve the draft municipal WUG List as presented with no changes. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brzowski moved to begin discussions with TWDB staff to request the use coefficient for fed/other cattle increase from 15 (gallons/head/day) to 30 (gallons/head/day). Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Schedule Future Meetings**

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for September 19, 2022 at noon.

**Receive Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Brzowski informed the Group that LNRA had received the Volumetric and Sedimentation Survey of Lake Texana from the Texas Water Development Board.

Brzowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman