

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
September 19, 2022  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, September 19, 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, Steve Cooper, Lee Hafernack, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Dick Ottis, Robert Shoemate, Jill Sklar, and Ed Weinheimer. Also in attendance was Jaime Burke and Lauren Gonzalez of Black and Veatch, Gary Broz, Edna City Manager, Tony Franklin of Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board, LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman, and LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory. Others attending via audio/video teleconference were Tim Andruss, South Texas Regional Water Planning Group liaison to LRWPG, Judge Mark Myers of Lavaca County, and Kristin Lambrecht of Texas Department of Agriculture.

Absent Voting Group Members were Jim Coleman, Marie Day, Edward Pustka, and Michael Sklalicky.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Weinheimer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Brzozowski 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.

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

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

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board presented an update to the Group as follows:

- Projections Timeline  
Indicating Draft Water Demand Projections and Timeline
- Important Considerations  
All data released thus far is available online
  - Interactive dashboards
  - Underneath each dashboard is Excel file format + methodology summaries

- <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/projections.asp>
- Timeframe for reviewing draft population and municipal demand projections is ~6 months
  - Regions should meet soon after release and develop strategy for meeting the deadline
  - Regions are strongly encouraged to submit non-municipal revisions requests before municipal data release
  - Declines in population will be reflected in the draft population projections
- Planning groups must take action to approve submitting revisions requests
- Planning groups encouraged to coordinate with TWDB as early as possible on potential revisions
- Guidance regarding projections revisions provided in RWP contract Exhibit C, Section 2.2
- TWDB staff available for assistance and to provide projections presentations
- RWP grant funds may not be used for revisions to TWDB Board-adopted projections

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

No reports were given.

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

No discussion or action taken.

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

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

- Schedule and Progress Update
- Draft Projections from TWDB for Livestock, Manufacturing, and Steam-Electric
- Draft projections from TWDB for Irrigation and Mining

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

#### **Schedule Future Meetings**

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for December 5, 2022 at noon.

#### **Receive Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman