

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
December 5, 2022
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, December 5, 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, Jim Coleman, Steve Cooper, Lee Hafernick, Neil Hudgins, Vance Mitchell, Robert Shoemate, and Ed Weinheimer. Also in attendance was Lauren Gonzalez and Alicia Smiley of Black and Veatch, Gary Broz, Edna City Manager, LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice President Johs, LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory, and LNRA Assistant Manager Scott Hartl. Others attending via audio/video teleconference were Marie Day, Jack Maloney, and Jean Devlin of Texas Water Development Board.

Absent Voting Group Members were Bart McBeth, Dick Ottis, Edward Pustka, Michael Sklalicky, and Jill Sklar.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

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

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

- Significant New Requirements for the 2026 Regional Water Plans
- Important Reminders
- Projections Timeline

- Important Considerations

Information regarding the above topics is an attachment to these official minutes.

- Interregional Planning Council
 - On July 7, 2022 the Board appointed a member and alternate for each regional water planning group to the Interregional Planning Council.
 - The planning groups were sent an email with a welcome letter from the TWDB's Executive Administrator, a copy of House Bill 807, and a copy of the TWDB Board appointment memorandum.
 - First meeting was held on November 9th.
- New Education Materials
 - New one-pager: Water Supply and Flood Mitigation strategies; Drought of Record
 - New educational materials: Member Guide and Administrative Guidance
 - Both materials are now available on the TWDB website for viewing.
- 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.

Reports from Regional Liaisons and Interregional Planning Council Representative

Brzowski reported to the Group on behalf of the Interregional Planning Council. He presented the Group with information indicating members of the IPC and the Status of 2020 Interregional Planning Council Report Recommendations.

No other reports were given.

Briefing and Update from Black and Veatch

Lauren Gonzalez and Alicia Smiley, Black and Veatch, briefed the Group on the following:

- Schedule and Progress Update
- Update and Discussion on Potential Revisions to Draft Projections for Livestock, Manufacturing, Steam-electric, Irrigation, and Mining.

The Group was presented with handouts with data information for each of the potential revisions and discussed each.

Cooper moved to approve the Draft Livestock Water Demand Revisions to amend TWDB livestock water use calculations to assume 30 gal/head/day of fed and other cattle. Day seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brzowski moved to approve the Draft Manufacturing Water Demand Revisions to include updated contract amendment between LNRA and Formosa. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Coleman moved to approve the Draft Steam-Electric Water Demands as presented. Hafernack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brzowski moved to approve the Draft Irrigation Water Demand Potential Revisions using the average of the 2011-2013 historical use estimates. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Day moved to approve the Draft Mining Water Demand Potential Revisions as presented upon Brzowski's review of the BEG Mining Use Study which was used for the projections. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Schedule Future Meetings

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for March 6, 2023 at noon.

Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman