

Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
March 6, 2023
Edna, Texas

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, March 6, 2023, 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, Vice-Chair Neil Hudgins, Secretary Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Steve Cooper, Marie Day, Lee Hafernick, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Richard Ottis, Robert Shoemate, and Ed Weinheimer. Also in attendance was Jaime Burke and Alicia Smiley of Black and Veatch, Jean Devlin of Texas Water Development Board, LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice President Johs, LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager Doug Anders, and LNRA Assistant Manager Scott Hartl. Others attending via audio/video teleconference were Lauren Gonzalez of Black and Veatch, Leslie Hartman of Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Tim Andruss of Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District.

Absent Voting Group Members were Jim Coleman, Vance Mitchell, 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 December 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Ottis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Weinheimer 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. Day is actively seeking membership from Lavaca County.

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

Election of Officers

Cooper 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. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

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

- Population and Municipal Projections
- Task 4B: Identifying Infeasible Water Management Strategies Clarification
- Interregional Planning Council
- Guidance and Materials
- 6th Cycle of Regional water Planning Web Page

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

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 on the 2022 State Water Projects (SWP).

No other reports were given.

Briefing and Update from Black and Veatch

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

- Schedule and Progress Update
- Discussion of Potential Revisions to the Draft Mining Demand
- Presentation and Discussion on Draft Projections for Population and Municipal Demands

The Group was presented with informational handouts for each of the above and discussed each.

Approve Revisions to Draft Mining Demand Projections

No action taken.

Schedule Future Meetings

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for May 15, 2023 at noon.

Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman