

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
May 15, 2023  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the O&M Meeting 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, Lee Hafernick, Vance Mitchell, Robert Shoemate, and Jill Sklar. Also in attendance was Jaime Burke of Black and Veatch, Ron Ellis of Texas Water Development Board, LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Administration Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Operations Doug Anders, and Jami McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture. Attending via audio/video teleconference were Kimberly Rhodes of Texas Water Development Board, Tony Franklin of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and Alicia Smiley and Amy Cain of Black & Veatch.

Absent Voting Group Members were Jim Coleman, Marie Day, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Richard Ottis, Edward Pustka, Michael Sklalicky, and Ed Weinheimer.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Sklar 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**

Ron Ellis, Texas Water Development Board, presented an update to the Group as follows:

1. Updated plumbing code savings and revised draft demand projections released on 5/5/2023.
2. New one-pagers: Drought of Record, Consistency Reviews
3. New educational materials: Member Guide and Administrative Guidance

4. Interregional Planning Council update: IPC will meet on 5/30/2023. Resources posted on TWDB IPC web page and emailed to RWPG members on 4/5/2023.
5. Upcoming critical deadlines and upcoming activities (prior to 3/4/2024 tech memo deadline):
  - Approve projections revision requests.
  - Assess availability and supplies.
  - Approve and submit hydrologic variance requests.
  - Present process for identifying potentially feasible strategies for the 2026 regional water plan.
  - Identify infeasible strategies and projects from 2021 regional water plan.

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

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

No reports given.

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

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

1. Schedule and Progress Update
2. Discussion of Potential Revisions to the Draft Mining Demands
3. Presentation and Discussion on Draft Projections for Population and Municipal Demands
4. Listing of 2021 Plan Water Management Strategies that RWPG needs to review for potential infeasibility

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

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

#### **Approve Revisions to Draft Mining Demand Projections**

Brzowski moved to include a notice in the Region P Regional Water Plan noting concerns by the LRWPG that the use of other data sources by the TWDB may have yielded results lowering the mining water demand for Lavaca County. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Schedule Future Meetings**

The Group tentatively scheduled a meeting for July 24, 2023 at noon.

#### **Receive Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman