

**Lavaca-Navidad River Authority
Clean Rivers Program
Steering Committee Meeting
August 27, 2024**

The Lavaca Basin Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Annual Meeting was held in the Community Education Center in Texana Park, located approximately seven (7) miles east of Edna, Jackson County, Texas on August 27, 2024.

Annual meetings provide an opportunity to share information about water quality issues with Basin stakeholders, to obtain guidance on the use of resources from the Clean Rivers Program, and to allow LNRA to gain insight from local stakeholders and expertise from such members as Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas AgriLife Extension, and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Input from the attendees allows LNRA to prioritize water quality issues and determine the most effective water quality monitoring program. It also provides an educational opportunity for the community.

Attending from Lavaca-Navidad River Authority:

Chad Kinsfather, Environmental Services Director
Jerry Adelman, Board of Directors President
Jennifer Storz, Board of Directors Secretary
Karen Gregory, Deputy General Manager, Administration
Michael Price, Public Outreach Coordinator
Jill Crenshaw, Director of Administrative Services

Others Attending:

Mike Heller, Jackson County Extension Agent
Richard Gonzales, Science & Spanish Club Network, Inc.
Robin Flores, Science & Spanish Club Network, Inc.
Schannen Weinmann, Inteplast Group
Jack Wu, Formosa Plastics
Amy Blanchet, Formosa Plastics
Jenna Wadman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Chad Kinsfather, LNRA Environmental Services Director

Kinsfather opened the meeting.

Kinsfather briefed the attendees on the Texas Clean Rivers Program. He also discussed current water sampling schedules and monitoring sites.

Kinsfather briefed the group on the special projects currently in the Lavaca Basin which includes the 24-hour dissolved oxygen study, Segment 1602. Information regarding the Lavaca River Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) was also discussed. The goal of the Lavaca WPP is to engage local stakeholders in the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) along Segment 1602 of the Lavaca River aimed at lowering bacteria counts below primary recreation standards. LNRA is sampling four (4) monitoring sites for 24 months.

Kinsfather updated the group on the Lavaca Bacteriological Source Study on Segment 1602. The study utilizes next generation sequencing (NGS) based bacteriological source tracking (BST) to characterize fecal source contributions in the Lavaca River watershed.

Kinsfather informed the group that the LNRA Adopt a River program held an event, the Lavaca River Cleanup on April 1, 2024, and was well received and successful which included approximately 20-25 participants.

Kinsfather also informed the group of the recycling program offered to students in the basin, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle.

Mike Hiller, Jackson County Extension Agent

Hiller presented the group with information on the proper disposal of household chemicals.

Kinsfather expressed appreciation on behalf of LNRA to all who attended. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:37 p.m.