

## **Lavaca-Navidad River Authority**

### **Minutes of December 18, 2024 Board Meeting**

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. in the Board 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 video teleconference. Board members present were President Adelman, Vice President Johs, Secretary-Treasurer Storz, and Directors Aimone, Churan, Kucera, Mitchell, and Steffek. Also present was LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Gregory, Anders, Hartl, Martin, Stuhrenberg, Sklar, and Crenshaw. Also present was Bill Dugat and Emily Rogers of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Jason Ward of Freese and Nichols, Michaela McKenzie of Geosyntec Consultants, and Will Dugat. Cody Cockroft and Joshua Watson, and Mike Reedy of Freese and Nichols, and Marc Sewell and Carla Contreras of RSM US LLP joined the meeting via video teleconference.

President Adelman called the meeting to order.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **General Manager's Report**

- Drought Contingency Plan
- 2024 Fund Balance Allocations
- Christmas Holidays – December 24-26 – Main Office is closed
- Thunderdome Pipeline to vacate LNRA property by December 31, 2024

### **Consent Agenda**

President Adelman called for questions or comments to the Consent Agenda items as follows:

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of November 20, 2024 and act as necessary.
2. Consider acceptance of November 2024 financial statements and act as necessary.
3. Consider approval of invoices for payment and act as necessary.

Director Steffek moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-3 as presented. Director Kucera seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Regular Agenda**

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Audit Report**

Marc Sewell and Carla Contreras of RSM US LLP joined the meeting via audio/video teleconference. Sewell addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation for LNRA's participation in the audit process and commended the LNRA audit team for their expertise.

Sewell briefed the Board on the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Board was presented with a copy of the draft Financial Report for their review.

Director Steffek moved to accept the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2024, as performed by RSM US LLP. Director Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Bid for Overhead Crane**

Brzozowski informed the Board that LNRA solicited bids for the design, fabrication, erection, and installation of a 10-ton overhead crane for the Water Delivery Systems storage building. Two (2) bids were received as follows:

<b>Vendors</b>	<b>Design, Fabrication, Erection and Installation of 10-Ton Overhead Crane as detailed in the Scope of Services</b>	<b>Transportation Costs</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
Bay Area General Crane Services John Sanderlin 5007 Columbia Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78416	91,830.00	3,668.00	* \$ 95,498.00
PCS Crane Services Inc. 425 Independence Parkway La Porte, Texas 77571	104,537.00	6,400.00	\$ 110,937.00

Management recommends accepting the bid from Bay Area General Crane Services in the amount of \$95,498.00.

Director Storz moved to approve the bid from Bay Area General Crane Services in the amount of \$95,498.00 with funding from the Water Delivery Systems budgets as presented. Director Kucera seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Expenditure for Interior Finishes/Furnishing of the WDS Storage Building**

Brzozowski informed the Board that the construction of the Water Delivery Systems storage building is progressing on schedule.

LNRA is responsible for providing the interior finishes and furnishings.

The list below shows the planned interior finishes/furnishings and cost estimate of each:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Electrical – To include lights, outlets, conduit and wiring	\$10,000.00
HVAC	\$12,000.00
Insulation for interior ceiling	\$ 5,000.00
Shelving	\$17,500.00
Rubber floor mats	\$ 1,000.00
Mezzanine railing	\$ 6,000.00
Welding machine	\$ 7,500.00
Material for welding table	\$ 3,500.00
Air compressor	\$ 7,500.00
10% Contingency	\$ 7,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,000.00</b>

Director Johs moved to approve the expenditure up to \$77,000.00 for interior finishes/furnishings of the Water Delivery Systems storage building with funding from the Water Delivery Systems budgets as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Reserve Contingency Fund Expenditure for Improvements to the MEC**

Brzowski informed the Board that to increase airflow and attain a more comfortable space for events in the Main Event Center, Management recommends purchasing fans. Bids were received from two (2) vendors.

Management recommends accepting the proposal from Big Ass Fans for one (1) 20’ and four (4) 14’ fans to be installed in the Commons area of the Main Event Center.

The cost for the five (5) fans to include installation, mounting hardware, and controls is \$45,504.35. LNRA will be responsible for running conduit and wiring to the locations for each fan.

Director Johs moved to approve the reserve contingency fund expenditure up to \$50,000 which includes the Big Ass proposal and the work to be performed by LNRA. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Freese and Nichols Task Authorization – Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project**

Brzowski briefed the Board on the Freese and Nichols Task Authorization for the evaluation of the feasibility and impacts associated with elimination of the diversion structure component as part of the Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project. The Board was presented with a copy of the Task Authorization in the amount of \$146,635 for their review.

Director Mitchell moved to approve the Freese and Nichols Task Authorization for \$146,635 as presented. Director Aimone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Capital Improvement fund Expenditure for Fence Repair and Replacement**

Brzowski informed the Board that LNRA plans to repair and/or replace approximately five (5) miles of fence line. Bids were solicited for labor and materials.

Management recommends accepting the following bids:

<b>Labor</b>	<b>Galvanized T-Posts</b>	<b>Treated Posts</b>	<b>Barbed Wire</b>	<b>Total</b>
Keith Foxell	United Ag	United Ag	Top Hand Feed	
\$48,810	\$19,500	\$ 6,300	\$ 5,900	<b>\$ 80,510</b>

Director Storz moved to approve the capital improvement fund expenditure up to \$85,000 for LNRA fence repair and replacement. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Capital Improvement Fund Expenditure for Stop Log Painting**

Brzozowski briefed the Board that Neumann Welding has completed the construction of two (2) new stop logs. LNRA will deliver the completed stop logs to Palacios Marine and Industrial (PMI) to begin the blasting and painting of the new stop logs.

The cost for the blasting and painting of the stop logs is \$16,250 each, for a total cost of \$32,500.

Director Johs moved to approve the capital improvement fund expenditure for PMI to blast and paint the new stop logs for \$32,500 as presented. Director Kucera seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Briefing on Dam Safety Remediation Project**

Brzozowski reported to the Board as follows:

- Geotechnical samples were collected along FM 3131 to evaluate the composition of the various soil types to aid in the design of the cutoff wall.
- FM 3131 was reopened to traffic on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- LNRA and Freese and Nichols are scheduled to visit an ongoing slurry wall project currently being constructed by DeWind, who is the developer of the deep one-pass trenching technology.
- TxDOT has agreed to assume the design and bidding responsibility for the construction improvement along FM 3131. LNRA will be required to fund the rehabilitation work throughout our project limits.

**Briefing on East Delivery System Pipeline Relocation Project**

The Board was presented with a copy of the Freese and Nichols Status Report.

Brzozowski and Jason Ward (Freese and Nichols) briefed the Board as follows:

- Punch list items have been completed.

- Valves on the 36” and 57” pipelines were tested and approved.
- A change order has been initiated to add above-ground switches to the underground vaults.
- We are waiting for final documents to close out the project.

**Briefing on Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project**

The Board was presented with a copy of Freese and Nichols Status Report.

Information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

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Jerry L. Adelman  
President

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Jennifer Storz  
Secretary-Treasurer