Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
July 13, 2026
Edna, Texas

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 12:00 p.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 and was also available through audio/video teleconference.

Voting Group Members present were Chairman Spenrath, Vice-Chairman Neil Hudgins, Secretary Patrick Brzozowski, and Members Jim Coleman, Jack Maloney, Ed Weinheimer, Steve Cooper, Vance Mitchell, Robert Shoemate, and John Boone. Also in attendance was Jaime Burke of Black and Veatch, Michele Foss of Texas Water Development Board, LNRA Manager of Administration Lindsey Sklar, and Jeff Cerney of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Joining via audio/video teleconference were members James Migl, Jill Sklar, and Grace Ward.

Absent Voting Group Members were Marie Day, Lee Hafernick, Bart McBeth, Richard Ottis, and Edward Pustka.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 23, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Weinheimer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominations for New Voting Members

Brozowski informed the Group there were no new nominations for voting members.

The Group will continue to seek new members to fill two (2) vacancies: Lavaca County Small Business and Jackson County Water Utilities.

Election of Officers

Weinheimer moved to re-elect the current slate of officers and Executive Committee of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group as follows:

Officers - Spenrath, Chairman; Hudgins, Vice-Chairman; and Brzozowski, Secretary
Executive Committee – Spenrath, Hudgins, Brzozowski, Coleman, Day, Maloney, and Weinheimer

Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board, briefed the Group on the following:

- 2027 State Water Plan Recent/Upcoming Milestones
  - May 27, 2026 – Public hearing
  - May 29, 2026 – Public comment period for Initial State Water Plan closed
  - July 23, 2026 – Anticipated Board adoption of initial State Water Plan
  - Late August/Early September 2026 – Expected publication and public comment period for full, amended State Water Plan

    - Late 2026 – Anticipated amendment to State Water Plan adopted by TWDB Board
- 2031 Regional Water Plans – Anticipated Schedule
    - July 23, 2026 – TWDB Board to consider authorizing contracts
    - August / September 2026 – Execute contracts between TWDB and Regional Water Planning Group Sponsors
    - Early to Mid-2027 – WUG, population, and water demand review begins
- TWDB Funding Opportunities
    - Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants: Deadline to apply is July 30, 2026
    - Drinking Water SRF Lead Service Line: Deadline to apply is August 14, 2026
    - Texas Water Development Fund (DFund): Deadline to apply is September 30, 2026
    - Texas Water Supply Corporations (TWSC) Grant Opportunity

Public Notice of a Pre-Planning Meeting

Coleman moved to authorize the Lavaca Navidad River Authority to provide public notice of a pre-planning public meeting. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request for Qualifications

Brzozowski briefed the Group on the RFQ process and on the qualifications received for professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group 2031 Regional Water Plan. Qualifications were received from Black and Veatch. The Group discussed Black and Veatch's qualifications as well as the longstanding history of working with the Project Manager, Jaime Burke.

Coleman moved to recommend Black and Veatch with Jaime Burke as Project Manager to provide professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group 2031 Regional Water Plan. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Authorize LNRA to Execute Contract

Cooper moved to authorize the Lavaca Navidad River Authority, contracting entity, to execute a contract with the approved consultant group for professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group 2031 Regional Water Plan. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Schedule Future Meetings

The Group tentatively scheduled meetings on October 19, 2026, and November 16, 2026.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Weinheimer moved to adjourn the meeting. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath
Chairman