

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
August 19, 2019
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held in the 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 on Monday, August 19, 2019 at noon.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Marie Day, Neil Hudgins, Richard Ottis, Robert Shoemate, Phillip Spenrath, Michael Skalicky, and Ed Weinheimer.

Absent Voting Group Members were: John Butschek, Jim Coleman, Steve Cooper, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Edward Pustka, Gary Skalicky, and David Wagner.

Also present was: Elizabeth McCoy of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke and Alicia Smiley of AECOM, Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics Corporation, and Josh Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Jami McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture. Also present was Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice-President, Doug Anders, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Operations, Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Administration, and Scott Hartl, LNRA Assistant Manager.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Skalicky moved to approve the minutes as presented. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominations for New Voting Members

Brzozowski informed the Group that nominations were needed for new members for Lavaca County, Small Business, Jackson County, Agriculture, and Jackson County, Counties.

Briefing on LNRA Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans

In compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the LRWPG members were presented a copy of the LNRA Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for their review. Brzozowski briefed the Group on the Drought Response Measures and the Response Stages as stated in the DCP.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

McCoy briefed the Group on the following:

- Soci-Economic Impact Analysis Reports – Available December 2019

- TWDB recently launched a new interactive data dashboard that visualizes historical and project RWP data.
- Legislative Update

The Legislature passed three bills directly relevant to regional water planning and significant bills related to flood planning and project funding. Information regarding HB 807, HB 721, HB 723, SB 7 and 8 (flood related) was presented to the Group. McCoy informed the Group that stakeholder meetings have been held around the state to gather preliminary input on SB7 and SB8 implementation.

TWDB Interregional Planning Council

McCoy informed the Group of House Bill (HB) 807 which directs the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to appoint an Interregional Planning Council. The Council as appointed by the TWDB Board will consist of one member from each RWPG. Each Group is asked to nominate one or more members to serve on the Council.

Spennath moved to nominate Patrick Brzozowski as a member of the TWDB Interregional Planning Council and naming the Region P Chair as an alternate. Skalicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing from AECOM Consultant

Burke briefed the Group on the following:

- Project Status to Date
- Timeline

Copies of the power point with details were available for the Group's review.

Presentation and Discussion of Draft Water Management Strategy Evaluations

Burke presented the Group with the draft Water Management Strategy Evaluations which included Municipal Drought Management, Manufacturing Drought Management, Irrigation Drought Management, ElCampo Reuse, Conservation for Manufacturing, Municipal Conservation, Irrigation Conservation, Expand Use of Groundwater, Lavaca Off-Channel Reservoir, LNRA Desalination, LNRA Aquifer Storage and Recovery, and Lake Texana Dredging for their review. The Group discussed each one and were asked to submit additional comments before the next RWPG meeting.

Unique Stream Segments and Reservoirs

Burke outlined the terminology for a unique stream segment and reservoir. Information was available for the Group's review. Burke indicated that currently there are no ecologically unique stream segments in Region P. The proposed Palmetto Bend Stage II Reservoir has been designated as a unique reservoir site. The Group will need to review/update policy recommendations from last cycle for the 2021 Plan. The Group was presented a copy of the 2016 LRWP Policy Recommendations.

No action was taken.

Future Meeting Dates

The Region P Group will meet in October or November determining when a quorum of members are available.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman