

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
December 16, 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, December 16, 2019 at noon.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Jim Coleman, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Edward Pustka , Robert Shoemate, and Phillip Spenrath.

Absent Voting Group Members were: John Butschek, Steve Cooper, Marie Day, Bart McBeth, Richard Ottis, Michael Skalicky, David Wagner and Ed Weinheimer.

Also present was: Elizabeth McCoy and Jean Devlin of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke and Alicia Smiley of AECOM, Leslie Hartman of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Rusty Ray of TSSWCB, Jill Sklar, Jackson County Judge, and Jami McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture. Also present was Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice-President, 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 August 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Brzozowski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Nominations for New Voting Members**

Brzozowski informed the Group that nominations were needed for new members for Small Business and Municipalities in Lavaca County and Counties and Agriculture (2) in Jackson County.

Brzozowski nominated and moved to approve Jill Sklar, Jackson Judge to fill the position of Counties, Jackson County. Pustka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board**

McCoy introduced Jean Devlin as the new TWDB Project Manager.

The Group was briefed on the following:

- Agency Rulemaking Efforts
  - House Bill 807
  - Flood Financial Assistance

- Flood Planning Rules and Regions
- 2020 State Water Implementation Fund (SWIFT) Abridge Application
- Agriculture Water Conservation Grants
- Socioeconomic Impact Analysis Dashboard and Presentation
- Initially Prepared Plan/ Final Plan Process
  - Handout Schematic and Notice Summary

### **Briefing from AECOM Consultant**

Burke briefed the Group on the following:

- Project Status to Date
- Timeline
  - Draft 2021 Plan due March 2020
  - Spring/Summer 2020  
Public hearing on Draft Plan, respond to comments, Water Infrastructure Financing survey, adopt Final 2021 Plan
  - Final 2021 Plan due October 2020

### **Presentation and Discussion of Draft Water Management Strategy Evaluations**

Burke presented the Group with the draft Water Management Strategy Evaluations which included:

- Drought Management
  - Municipal, Manufacturing and Irrigation
- El Campo Reuse
- Conservation for Manufacturing
- Multiple Advanced Water Conservation Strategies
  - Municipal and Irrigation
- Expand Use of Groundwater
- Lavaca Off-Channel Reservoir
- LNRA Desalination
- LNRA Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- Lake Texana Dredging

The Group was presented copies for their review and discussed each strategy.

### **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 had been designated as a unique reservoir site, but that designation expired in 2015. 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.

**Future Meeting Dates**

The Region P Group decided tentatively to meet on January 20, 2020 and February 10, 2020.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman

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