

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
February 10, 2020  
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, February 10, 2020 at noon.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, Tom Chandler, Steve Cooper, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Richard Ottis, Robert Shoemate, Michael Skalicky, Jill Sklar, Phillip Spenrath, and Ed Weinheimer.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Jim Coleman, Marie Day, Edward Pustka, and David Wagner.

Also present was: Jean Devlin of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Leslie Hartman of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Jami McCool of Texas Department of Agriculture, Lawrence Brown Jr. of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice-President, Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Administration, and Doug Anders, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Operations.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Hudgins moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Nominations for New Voting Members**

Brzozowski informed the Group that nominations were being sought for Lavaca County Small Business and Municipalities and Jackson County Agriculture (2 positions).

The Group will continue to seek new members to fill the vacancies.

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

Devlin informed the Group as follows:

1. Interregional Planning Council  
The Board appointed the IPC at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
2. Potential Interregional Conflicts in the 2021 Regional Water Plans  
Interregional conflicts made by RWPGs must be provided in writing to the TWDB Executive Administrator and the other affected RWPG within 60 days of the IPP deadline for submittal.

3. Administratively Complete Initially Prepared Plans (IPP)  
IPPs are due to the TWDB by March 3, 2020.  
TWDB will provide comments within 120 days.  
Upon receipt of the IPPs, TWDB staff will “close” the state water planning database
4. Voting Member Travel Funds  
RWPGs are allowed to submit a budget memorandum to shift expenses in their existing budget for voting member travel.

### **Briefing from AECOM Consultant**

Burke briefed the Group on the following:

- Project Status to Date
- Timeline
  - February 10, 2020 - RWPG meets to approve Draft Plan (IPP)
  - Draft 2021 Plan due March 3, 2020
  - Spring/Summer 2020 – Public hearing on Draft Plan (determine date), receive public and agency comments, respond to comments, Water Infrastructure Financing survey, project prioritization, adopt Final 2021 Plan.
  - Final 2021 Plan due October 14, 2020

### **Updates to Draft Water Management Strategy Evaluation**

There were no changes since the January 20, 2020 meeting.

### **Draft Chapter Reviews**

There were no revisions of the chapters or Executive Summary presented.

### **Adopt the LRWPG IPP**

Weinheimer moved to approve adopting the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) with approved edits and authorize submittal of the IPP deliverable to the Texas Water Development Board by the March 3, 2020 deadline. Skalicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Public Hearing**

Skalicky moved to schedule the LRWPG Public Hearing for Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the LNRA Main Office, 4631 FM 3131, Edna. Sklar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Prepare and Mail Notices**

Brzozowski moved to approve to authorize Lavaca Navidad River Authority to prepare and mail out the notices required for the Public Hearing. Hudgins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Future Meeting Dates**

The Region P Group tentatively scheduled a regular meeting for Monday, August 10, 2020 at noon.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Weinheimer moved for the meeting to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. Brzowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman