

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
January 20, 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, January 20, 2020 at noon.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, Jim Coleman, Steve Cooper, Marie Day, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Richard Ottis, Robert Shoemate, Michael Skalicky, Jill Sklar, and Phillip Spenrath.

Absent Voting Group Members were: John Butschek, Tom Chandler, Edward Pustka, David Wagner, and Ed Weinheimer.

Also present was: Jean Devlin of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke and Alicia Smiley of AECOM, Leslie Hartman of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 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 December 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Hudgins moved to approve the minutes as presented. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominations for New Voting Members

Brzozowski informed the Group that John Butschek, Region P Member has not attended meetings recently and has moved out of the area. McBeth moved to remove Butschek as a member of Region P. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

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

Election of Officers

Ottis moved to re-elect the current slate of officers of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group as follows: Spenrath, Chairman, Hudgins, Vice-Chairman, Brzozowski, Secretary, and the Executive Committee as follows: Spenrath, Hudgins, Brzozowski, Coleman, Day, Maloney, and Weinheimer. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

Devlin informed the Group that TWDB announced member appointments to the Interregional Planning Council established by House Bill 807 from the 86th Legislative Session. Patrick Brzozowski was appointed to represent Region P.

The Council's purposes includes improving coordination among the Regional Water Planning Groups and TWDB in meeting the goals of the state water planning process.

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 2020

Presentation and Discussion of Draft Water Management Strategies

Burke presented the Group with the draft Water Management Strategies as follows:

Lavaca Off-Channel Reservoir (2016 Plan Update)

Phase 2 Yield – revised modeling based on coordination with LNRA's consultants.

Updated based on RWPG review at last meeting:

LNRA requested reservoir capacity change from 25,000 AF to 50,000 AF/ SAM was remodeled, resulting in a new firm yield.

Detailed information regarding the revised water management strategies was available for the Group's review.

Draft Chapter Reviews

The Group discussed Chapters 5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11. Copies were available for the Group's review and discussion.

Brzozowski moved to make last sentence in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 Policy Recommendations "Another recommendation would be to have the Legislature review private activity bonds to expand the authority beyond the current \$50 million cap" a separate Policy Recommendation in the Chapter. Ottis seconded the motion. Day indicated a negative vote. Motion passed.

Chapter 4 with the TWDB Socioeconomic Impact Analysis included will be sent electronically to the Group for their review. Burke asked the Group to send any comments and recommendations to her prior to the next meeting if possible.

Future Meeting Dates

The Region P Group will meet on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman