

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
January 28, 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, January 28, 2019 at noon.

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

Absent Voting Group Members were: John Butschek, Edward Pustka, Dennis Simons, 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, Josh Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Tony Franklin of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and Jami McCool, 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, Operations.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting were reviewed. M Skalicky moved to approve the minutes as presented. Cooper 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 and Jackson County, Agriculture.

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. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board

McCoy briefed the Group on the following:

- Regional and State Water Planning Rules and Texas Statute Reference Pamphlet is now available. Copies were presented to the Group.
- Task 5A Notice to Proceed Request – Approved by the TWDB Deputy Executive Administrator – 10/24/18
- Technical Memorandum
 - Administratively complete letter issued 10/2/18
 - TWDB reviewed source data and methodologies presented in the Technical Memorandum and has no comments on the Region P source data and methodology.
- Water Management Strategy (WMS) evaluation tools available on TWDB website.
 - Uniform Costing Tool
 - Conservation Planning Tool
- Socioeconomic analysis “as of date” and planning group action. Socioeconomic impact assessments of not meeting identified water needs are required by rule (31 TAC 357.33(c) and 357.40(a)).

RWPGs may request that the TWDB perform the socioeconomic impact analysis on the planning group’s behalf. If they choose to do so, the RWPG must take action on the request and submit the request to the PM. Request must be submitted to TWDB by July 2019. Analysis will be based on water needs in the planning database as of May 31, 2019.
- Uniform Standards Stakeholder Committee Meeting
 - Committee met in November 2018 to review the uniform standards for prioritizing projects in the RWPs and agreed by consensus to adopt changes.
 - A TWDB Guidance Document will be made available for optional use.
 - Consider approving the revised Uniform Standards at a February Board meeting.
- Texas Water Service Boundary Viewer

TWDB mapping application was developed to facilitate the collection of digital maps for retail water service areas of all community public water system (PWS) in the state of Texas. This tool also allows authorized PWS contact to update and verify their service area.
- State Flood Assessment

Final version presented to the Board in December. Available online.
- 2019 SWIFT abridged applications.
 - Abridged Applications are due February 1, 2019.
 - SWIFT program information, applications, program requirements

Briefing from AECOM Consultant

Burke briefed the Group on the following:

- Update on effort to date.

- Discussion of 2021 Lavaca Regional Water Plan draft chapters 1-4. Handouts for RWPG members to begin review process.
- Discussion of conservation and drought management water management strategies and consideration of potential methodologies for developing evaluations.
- Upcoming work effort and timeline.

Socioeconomic Analysis

Brzozowski moved to approve to request TWDB to conduct a socioeconomic analysis of not meeting identified water needs for Region P for inclusion in the 2021 Lavaca Regional Water Plan. Day seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates

The Region P Group will meet on April 22, 2019 or May 20, 2019 after determining when a quorum of members are available.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Phillip Spenrath
Chairman