

Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

Minutes of July 17, 2019 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. in the Board 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. Board members present were President Kubecka, Directors Adelman, Johs, Martin, Sachtleben, Steffek, and Taylor, and LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Anders, Gregory, Janak, Martin, Pearson, Hartl, Sklar, and Crenshaw. Also present was Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics Corporation, and Telishia Malone of the Jackson County Herald Tribune.

President Kubecka called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

General Manager's Report

Brzozowski reported on the following:

- General Manager's Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2019
- Watermasters Meeting July 9, 2019
- Community Education Center Groundbreaking – 9:30 a.m. Today at Site

Consent Agenda

President Kubecka called for questions or comments to the Consent Agenda items as follows:

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of June 26, 2019 and July 10, 2019 and act as necessary.
2. Consider acceptance of June 2019 financial statements and act as necessary.
3. Consider approval of invoices for payment and act as necessary.
4. Consider approval of Investment Report as of June 30, 2019 and act as necessary.
5. Consider approval of budget amendments and act as necessary.

Gregory briefed the Board on the activity of investments as reported on the Quarterly Investment Report as of June 30, 2019. TexPool investments earned an average rate of 2.40% for the quarter. The Board was presented a copy of the quarterly report for their review.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regular Agenda

LNRA Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans

Brzowski briefed the Board on the most recently revised LNRA Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans (April 2019). As required, copies have been submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). A copy was presented to the Board for their review.

Director Taylor moved to approve the LNRA Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans (April 2019) as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing on LNRA Employment

Brzowski briefed the Board on the LNRA Employee Information Manual, IX, Employment. The Board discussed the current policy of employing relatives and how the relationships might affect the LNRA. Management will clarify the specifics of hiring relatives, while complying with State nepotism laws, and ask the Board to consider proposed revisions to the policy at the August Board meeting.

No action was taken by the Board.

LNRA Strategic Resource Management Plan

Brzowski briefed the Board on the LNRA Strategic Resource Management Plan as revised and approved in September 2016. It was the consensus of the Board that a workshop be scheduled for review and possible revisions to the Plan.

LNRA's Employee Retirement Benefits and Employer Contribution Rates

LNRA's retirement plan is with the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS). The Board was presented a copy of the funding projections for 2019-2020 and program benefit information.

Brzowski briefed the Board on the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority's employer contribution rate to TCDRS. TCDRS requires that participating employers review and confirm their benefit plans on an annual basis.

The calculated employer contribution rate for 2020 is 8.07%. LNRA Management recommends continuing contributing at the optional higher elected rate of 15% for 2020.

Director Martin moved to approve the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority's employer contribution rate to Texas County District Retirement System of 15%. Director Adelman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Agreement between LNRA and U.S. Geological Survey

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed standard joint-funding agreement between LNRA and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for surface-water and water-quality data collection activities for the period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. LNRA will contribute

budgeted funds of \$85,776 and USGS will contribute \$29,810 to cover the cost of the necessary field and analytical work related to the agreement for a total of \$115,586. The Board was presented a copy of the agreement for their review. Funds are budgeted for FY 2020.

Director Johs moved to approve the agreement between LNRA and USGS as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing on Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project

The Board meeting recessed at 8:55 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m. at Texana Park, 46 Park Road 1, for the LNRA Community Education Center groundbreaking. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Ronald Kubecka
President

Terri Parker
Secretary-Treasurer