

Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

Minutes of March 17, 2021 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 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 and also was available through video teleconference. Board members present were President Kubecka, Vice President Adelman, Secretary-Treasurer Parker, and Directors Aimone, Johs, Steffek, and Taylor. Also present was LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Anders, Gregory, Martin, Pearson, Terry, Hartl, Sklar, and Crenshaw. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP and Jessica Coleman of the Jackson County Herald were also present. Director Storz, Mike Reedy of Freese and Nichols, and Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics were present via video conference.

President Kubecka called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

General Manager's Report

- Community Education Center Project Update
- River Pump Access Improvement – Bay City Update
- Geophysical Investigation of the Palmetto Bend Dam Update
- Update on West Delivery System pump rehabilitation
- HUB International Termination of Agreement
- Texas Ethics Commission Personal Financial Statements due June 30, 2021
- LNRA 457 Retirement Plan
- South Texas Water Master Investigation
- Lavaca Bay Foundation
- TWCA Annual Report

Consent Agenda

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

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of February 24, 2021 and act as necessary.
2. Consider acceptance of February 2021 financial statements and act as necessary.
3. Consider approval of invoices for payment and act as necessary.
4. Consider approval of proposed budget amendment (s) and act as necessary.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-4 as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regular Agenda

Airboat Aquatic Vegetation Bids

Brzowski informed the Board that bids were solicited for Airboat Aquatic Vegetation Contract. Three (3) bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Mobilization</u> <u>(price for moving</u> <u>equipment to and from</u> <u>designated spraying areas)</u> Per Event	<u>Herbicide Application</u> <u>(herbicides to be provided</u> <u>by the Authority)</u> <u>150 hours</u>	<u>Per Diem</u> <u>(food/lodging)</u> <u>Per Boat/Per Day</u>	<u>Contractor's</u> <u>estimated</u> <u>treatment rate</u> <u>(acres/hour)</u>
Houston Spraying & Supply, Inc. / DBA Sprayco Houston, TX	\$200/Airboat	\$150/Hour/Airboat \$22,500.00	5 days \$200/boat/day \$1,000	3 acres/hour
Lochow Ranch Pond & Lake Management Bryan, TX	\$500/Airboat	\$170/Hour/Airboat \$25,500.00	5 days \$175/boat/day \$875	3 acres/hour
Clearwater Consulting, LLC Magnolia, TX	\$390/Airboat	\$195/Hour/Airboat \$26,250	5 days \$150/boat/day	3.75 acres/hour

The General Manager recommends accepting the apparent low bid from Houston Spraying & Supply, Inc. The Board was presented a copy of the bid summary for their review.

Director Parker moved to approve the bid from Houston Spraying & Supply as recommended by the General Manager as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Proposed Reserve Contingency Fund Expenditures

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed reserve contingency expenditures. The Board was presented a copy of the proposed expenditures as follows:

Recreation

Main Event Center (MEC) Restrooms, Fair Offices, and IT/Storage Area
 Rewrap damaged insulation on the metal ductwork. \$ 1,300.00

MEC Restrooms and Outside Concessions

Replace lighting, replace hot water heaters, miscellaneous painting, and door repairs.

\$ 10,000.00

In accordance with LNRA BOARD POLICY 304 – PROCUREMENT, bids are solicited for proposed expenditures as applicable.

Director Johs moved to approve the proposed reserve contingency fund expenditures as presented. Director Aimone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MRB Group Proposed Engagement

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed engagement with MRP Group for consulting services associated with the development of a public shooting range. Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) has a 90/10 matching funds grant available dedicated to shooting sports. Tom Brown has acted as LNRA’s consultant on Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) grant applications to date with success on each application.

Director Aimone moved to engage MRB Group to provide consultant services associated with the development of a public shooting range. Director Adelman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

87th Legislature Update – Bills of Interest

Brzowski briefed the Board on the 87th Legislature Bills of Interest for the water industry. Board members have access through the TWCA website to bill tracking reports for surface water, groundwater, utility-related bills, and government entity operations which includes a list of all bills, high priority bills, and open government high priority bills.

Heavy Truck Traffic off FM 3131

Brzowski discussed the heavy truck traffic off FM 3131 crossing LNRA’s Palmetto Bend Dam and Spillway structures and the conversations with TX Dot to resolve this issue. It was the consensus of the Board and Management to develop a Board Resolution outlining the concerns and expectations. The Board will review a draft Board Resolution at the April Board meeting.

Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project

The Board was presented a copy of the status report from Freese and Nichols for February 1- 28, 2021.

Evaluation of the General Manager

President Kubecka declared the Board to convene in Executive Session, 551.074 (Personnel Matters) under Texas Government Code at 8:30 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:30 a.m. and President Kubecka declared the full Board to be in Open Session.

Director Johs moved to approve an annual salary of \$260,000 and a bonus to the General Manager of the FY2021 budgeted Performance Incentive of \$20,000 based on the following positive evaluation:

Significant responsibilities associated with:

- Staying on top of dam safety measures
- Maintaining good relationships with customers
- Continued oversight of employees
- Responsiveness to Board concerns

Director Adelman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Ronald Kubecka
President

Terri Parker
Secretary-Treasurer