

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
May 24, 2016
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 Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Voting Group Members present were: Patrick Brzozowski, John Butschek, Tom Chandler, Gerald Clark, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Robert Martin, Phillip Spenrath, L.G. Raun, Robert Shoemate, Michael Skalicky, and Chairman Harrison Stafford II.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Jim Coleman, Lester Little, Richard Ottis, Edward Pustka, David Wagner, and Ed Weinheimer.

Also present was: Ron Ellis and Kevin Kluge of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Jami H. McCool of the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics Corporation. Also present was Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Jerry Adelman, LNRA Board Vice President and Sandy Johs, LNRA Board member, and Karen Gregory, LNRA Deputy General Manager, Administration.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 21, 2016 were reviewed.

Brzozowski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Spenrath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominations for New Voting Members

Brzozowski informed the Group that there were two voting member positions open on the LRWPG. One open position is in Small Business and one is in Industries, both in Lavaca County. He recommended that the Group circulate and publish a Notice of Solicitation for Nominations for Persons to Serve on the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. A copy of the draft notice was presented to the Group for their review.

Maloney moved to approve the Notice of Solicitation as presented. Hudgins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Authorizing LNRA to Execute Contract for Fifth Cycle

Spenrath moved to ratify previous Group action taken in January and March 2015 to execute an agreement with the Texas Water Development Board for funding related to the Fifth Cycle of Regional Water Planning and include subsequent amendments to the agreement. Butschek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Request for Qualifications

The Group reviewed and discussed the qualifications received for professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Area – 2021 Regional Water Plan. Qualifications were received from Freese and Nichols and AECOM.

Spenrath moved to approve AECOM to provide professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Area – 2021 Regional Water Plan. Skalicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Authorize LNRA to Contract with Consultant Group for Professional Services

Maloney moved to authorize the contracting entity, Lavaca-Navidad River Authority, to execute a contract with approved consultant group (AECOM), for professional services related to regional water management planning for the Lavaca Regional Water Area -2021 Regional Water Plan. Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Texas Water Development Board Updates

Ellis, TWDB Project Manager, informed the Group of TWDB's new Executive Administrator, Jeff Walker, who was appointed on May 19, 2016.

Ellis also presented an overview of the 2017 State Water Plan as adopted by the Board on May 19, 2016. Information was presented via Power Point, a copy of which is attached and made a part of the minutes.

Kluge presented the Group information on Population and Water Demand Projections – 2021 Regional Water Plans. Information was presented via Power Point, a copy of which is attached and made part of the minutes.

Future Meeting Dates

The Group agreed to schedule a Committee meeting to discuss water use methodology for agriculture and power projections prior to the next regular LRWPG meeting. The Committee will include Brzozowski, Raun, Hudgins, Skalicky, and Spenrath or other members interested. Information will be available prior to the Committee meeting.

The Group's next regular meeting will tentatively be scheduled in August.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Harrison Stafford II
Chairman