

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
August 18, 2014
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, August 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m..

Voting Group Members present were: John Butschek, Patrick Brzozowski, Gerald Clark, Jack Maloney, Phillip Spenrath, Richard Ottis, Edward Pustka, L.G. Raun, Robert Shoemate, and Harrison Stafford II.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Roy Griffin, Neil Hudgins, Lester Little, Robert Martin, Michael Skalicky, David Wagner, and Ed Weinheimer.

Also present was: Bech Brunn, Lauren Graber, and Lann Bookout of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Josh Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Lawrence Brown, Texas State Soil Water Conservation Board, Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President and Karen Gregory, LNRA staff.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

Stafford introduced Bech Brunn and Lauren Graber from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Brunn serves as a director of TWDB. He addressed the Group with information regarding TWDB's support for planning, financial assistance, and outreach for conservation and development of water for Texas.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

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

Appointments for New Voting Members

Brzozowski informed the Group that new voting members were needed to replace Tommy Brandenberger, Industries, Lavaca County and Rodney Jahn, Small Business, Lavaca County, who have submitted their resignations. The Appointment Committee will work together to fill the vacant positions.

Update from TWDB Project Manager

Bookout updated the group on upcoming deadlines and deliverables.

Consultant Update

Burke briefed the Group (via Power Point presentation).

Burke summarized agenda items previously discussed at the May 5, 2014 meeting.

Burke also summarized task work since May 5, 2014 LRWPG meeting.

Burke presented the Group with final Prioritization of Water Management Strategies from the 2011 Lavaca Regional Water Plan. The Group was previously emailed final prioritization documents for their review. The submittal to TWDB is September 1, 2014.

Raun moved to approve the final prioritization of the 2011 Lavaca Regional Water Plan Water Management Strategies for submittal to the TWDB by September 1, 2014. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Group approved the completion and submittal of the Technical Memorandum at the May 5th meeting. The consultants completed data entry, reviewed reports and submitted the Technical memorandum on July 31, 2014. Burke presented the Group the Technical Memorandum. TWDB requires the Group to ratify the Technical Memorandum.

Spenrath moved to ratify the Lavaca Region Technical memorandum which was submitted to TWDB on July 31, 2014 as presented. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Burke briefed the Group on the new drought-related Chapter 7 for 2016. TWDB has provided a template for Chapter 7. Requirements include:

- Define Drought of Record (regional and local)
- Summarize regional drought preparations and responses
- Emergency interconnects
- Region-specific drought response and contingency plans
- Drought Management WMS
- Other regional drought recommendations

The Group needs to establish a Drought Committee to address portions of TWDB requirements:

- Closed meeting to collect emergency interconnect data
- Other items as Committee deems appropriate

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Raun moved to establish a Drought Committee to included members: Hudgins, Skalicky, Weinheimer, Maloney, and Brzozowski. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Group discussed the Policy and Legislative Chapter which included Unique Designations in 2011 RWP and proposed regulatory changes and resolutions. Burke informed the Group to consider updates to policy recommendations, unique stream and reservoir designations.

The Group tentatively scheduled a LRWPG meeting for December 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Harrison Stafford II
Chairman