

Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

Minutes of November 18, 2020 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 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 Terri Parker, Directors Johs, Kucera, Steffek, Storz, and Taylor. Also present was LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Gregory, Hartl, Martin, Pearson, Terry, Sklar, and Crenshaw, and John Meng of Jackson County Herald Tribune. Director Callaway Aimone, Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Jack Wu of Formosa Plastics Corporation, and Blake Petrash of City of Ganado were also present via video conference.

President Kubecka called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

General Manager's Report

- Lavaca County Flood Control District No.3 Update
- Legislative News Service – TWCA - 87th Legislature
- Community Education Center (CEC) Project Update (Walk-thru 11/4)
- Texana Road Crossing Project Update (Prebid 10/27 – Bid 12/1)
- Greatland Corporation Engagement (filing of IRS Form 1095C)
- Update on Special Use Permit to Max Midstream for use of water
- Flood Planning Committee (Group) Region 10
- Wounded War Heroes Hunt/ Veterans Appreciation Dinner
- City of Corpus Christi quarterly meeting 11/18
- Formosa Plastics Correspondence

Consent Agenda

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

1. Consider approval of Board meeting minutes of October 21, 2020 and act as necessary.
2. Consider approval of Scholarship Committee meeting minutes of November 3, 2020 and act as necessary.
3. Consider acceptance of October 2020 financial statements and act as necessary.
4. Consider approval of invoices for payment and act as necessary.

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

Regular Agenda

Discuss Recreation Strategic Planning Initiative

Brzowski informed the Board of plans to engage Penny McBride on a consultant basis to work with and lead LNRA in a discussion and the development of a strategic plan for LNRA's recreation function. The strategic plan will cover marketing and best use of the combined Brackenridge Recreation Complex including the Main Event Center, Brackenridge Park & Campground, Texana Park, Harry Hafernick Recreation Center, Community Education Center, and other offerings directly or indirectly associated with LNRA's recreation function.

The Board was presented a copy of the proposal from Penny C. McBride which included the scope of work, timeline, project price, and deliverables for their review.

Funds are available in the Reserve Contingency Fund.

Proposed RCF Expenditures and Reallocations

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed reserve contingency fund reallocations and expenditures as follows:

Recreation

Engage Penny C. McBride for recreation strategic planning initiative	\$ 6,500.00
Purchase equipment for compatibility with the new BRC reservation system	\$ 3,000.00

Spillway

Purchase Genset-Diesel, 60Hz,50kW Generator from Cummins This generator will replace the two existing generators at the spillway.	\$ 24,802.00
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The Board was presented a copy of the proposed reserve contingency fund reallocations for their review.

Director Taylor moved to approve the proposed reserve contingency fund expenditures and reallocations as presented. Director Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Capital Improvement Expenditure for Fleet Vehicles

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposal to purchase three (3) replacement fleet vehicles as follows:

Two (2) 2021 Ford F-250 Extended Cab – O&M, Pipeline	\$ 62,168.50
One (1) 2021 Ford F-150 Extended Cab – Law Enforcement The cost for the LE vehicle includes accessories for LE specification.	\$ 36,200.75

Funds are available in the capital improvement fund.

Director Adelman moved to approve the capital improvement fund expenditure for fleet vehicles as

presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Capital Expenditure for Stop Log Building Assembly

Brzowski informed the Board that bids were solicited to engage a contractor to assemble and erect the metal building previously procured by LNRA. The building will be used as storage for the Spillway, ROW, and M&I stop logs. The Board was presented a bid summary indicating the company and the bid amount.

Management recommends accepting the low bid from Hlavinka Construction Company in the amount of \$18,750.00. Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Director Parker moved to approve the capital expenditure for the stop log building assembly as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Revised LNRA 2021 Scholarship Application

The LNRA Scholarship Committee met on November 3, 2020. The Committee recommends to the Board to revise the 2021 Scholarship Application as follows:

*Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (LNRA) will provide scholarships for area students to further their education. This year, LNRA will award **thirteen (13)** one thousand-dollar (\$1,000) scholarships and one additional scholarship, the Kay Frels Memorial Scholarship, for two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Twelve of the \$1,000 scholarships will be divided equally among the three Jackson County school districts and/or areas, making \$4,000 available for each district/area. **The remaining \$1,000 scholarship will be available for a student currently enrolled in college.***

Director Johs moved to approve the revised LNRA 2021 Scholarship Application as presented. Director Kucera seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Briefing on TML's New Third Party Administrator

Brzowski briefed the Board on the announcement by Texas Municipal League's (TML) to change the group's medical insurance carrier from United Healthcare to Blue Cross Blue Shield (Blue). The change becomes effective September 1, 2021. LNRA was provided three (3) options to access Blue benefits. Management recommends transitioning to Blue on LNRA's current anniversary date of October 1, 2021. Deductible and out of pocket maximum will reset on the anniversary date and the plan will switch to a plan year deductible/out of pocket. This will preclude mid-year changes to LNRA's plan, earlier access to the benefits that Blue offers, and earlier access to the most cost-effective network.

Briefing on Information Technology 100 - LNRA Password Policy

Brzowski briefed the Board on the revisions to the LNRA Information Technology 100 – LNRA Password Policy. Revisions were made to more accurately apply the Policy Statements. The Board was presented a copy of the revised policy for their review.

Interlocal Agreement between City of Edna and LNRA

Brzozowski briefed the Board on the proposed Interlocal Agreement between City of Edna and LNRA which outlines the cooperative use of equipment and human resources. The Board was presented a copy of the proposed agreement for their review.

Director Steffek moved to approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement between City of Edna and LNRA as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Interlocal Agreement between Region 8 Education Service Center and LNRA

Brzozowski briefed the Board on the proposed Interlocal Agreement between Region 8 Education Service Center and LNRA. By this Agreement, Region 8 Education Service Center agrees to provide cooperative purchasing services to LNRA through a program known as the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program. The purpose of the program is to improve procurement process efficiencies and assist in achieving the best value for participants through cooperative purchasing. As with other cooperative purchasing programs, TIPS will allow LNRA to receive favorable discounts on future technology equipment purchases.

The Board was presented a copy of the proposed agreement for their review.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Region 8 Education Service Center and LNRA. Director Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project

Brzozowski informed the Board that a virtual meeting was planned in December to meet with TPWD and their associates to review the Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project. In October, the group was provided a water rights application submittal package. It is our intent to meet in order to ensure that all parties are in consensus with the project as we approach the release of a draft permit and the public comment period.

LNRA has continued to work on the reservoir site property acquisition. A letter was sent to Formosa agreeing to extend the inspection period but, also, to let them know LNRA intends to close July 2021.

The Board was presented a copy of Freese and Nichols Status Report dated October 1-31, 2020.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

Ronald Kubecka
President

Terri Parker
Secretary-Treasurer