

Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

Minutes of September 21, 2016 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 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, Parker, Johs, Martin, Muegge, Sachtleben, Steffek, and Taylor and LNRA Staff: Brzozowski, Anders, Gregory, Martin, Janak, Pearson, Fleeman and Crenshaw. Also present was Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Eric Rivera and Tom Brown of Hanson Professional Services, Inc. (formerly Naismith Engineering, Inc.), and Jack Wu and Mike Rivet of Formosa Plastics, Inc.

President Kubecka called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

General Manager's Report

Brzozowski reported on the following:

- Wounded War Heroes - November 8-10, 2016
- Vegetation treatment for Giant Salvinia (integrated management approach)
- Update on progress of Mary Rhodes Phase II project
- East Delivery System recoating project change order
- Freese and Nichols Task Authorization #20 – Water Right Evaluation
- Main Event Center Stall Barn Project (sound and electrical)
- Spillway Settlement
- Board of Directors Photos – December 21, 2016
- Removal of underground pipes

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of August 17, 2016 Board meeting minutes.
2. Acceptance of August 2016 financial statements.
3. Approval of invoices for payment.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-3 as presented. Director Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Expenditure for Replacement of Heavy Equipment

Brzowski briefed the Board on the sole bid received for replacement of heavy equipment. The bid from Nueces Power Equipment (NPE) met the required specifications for the Case 885B Motor Grader. The total bid was \$149,312.07 which includes a \$10,000 trade-in allowance of LNRA's maintainer.

Director Johs moved to approve the bid from Nueces Power Equipment for \$149,312.07 with trade-in, and funds to be expended from the Capital Improvement Fund as presented. Director Muegge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LNRA Retiree Health Benefits

Brzowski briefed the Board on the 2017 proposed LNRA retiree health benefits with Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML). The General Manager recommends retirees between the ages of 59 and 65 access the active employee benefit plan at 195% of the active employee rate. LNRA pays 100% of the retiree contribution and 50% of dependent contribution. The General Manager also recommends Supplement Plan K for the post 65 retiree Medicare supplement plan. The retiree pays 100% of the contribution.

The Board was presented a copy of the TML proposals for their review.

Director Martin moved to approve the pre 65 and post 65 LNRA retiree health benefits as recommended by the General Manager as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Revision to LNRA Strategic Resource Management Plan

Brzowski briefed the Board on the proposed revision to the LNRA Strategic Resource Management Plan. The Board was presented a copy of the Plan with proposed revision for their review.

Director Parker moved to approve the proposed revision to the LNRA Strategic Resource Management Plan as presented. Director Adelman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bid and Funding for Constructing Bulkhead

Brzowski briefed the Board on the bids received for the installation of approximately 500 feet of bulkhead along the shoreline at the Brackenridge Recreation Complex Marina. The bids include labor, equipment and material. Bid summary is as follows:

Company	Description	Variance	Unit Price	Total Bid
Tidelands Piers & Bulkheads	Install approx. 500' of Shoreguard Bulkhead using 'Navy Style' Construction along the shoreline on both sides of the Marina		\$135.00	\$67,500.00

Texas Bulkhead & Construction	Install approx. 500' of Shoreguard Bulkhead using 'Navy Style' Construction along the shoreline on both sides of the Marina	Not Navy Style Construction	\$130.00	\$65,000.00
R & A Construction	Install approx. 500' of Shoreguard Bulkhead using 'Navy Style' Construction along the shoreline on both sides of the Marina		\$175.00	\$87,500.00

The General Manager recommends accepting the bid from Tidelands Piers and Bulkheads for \$67,500.00. The low bidder, Texas Bulkhead and Construction, does not use the Navy style method of construction which is considered to be a superior method that will provide a longer lifetime. Funding is available in the Erosion Control and Reserve Contingency Fund.

Director Martin moved to approve the bid from Tidelands Piers and Bulkheads for \$67,500.00 as recommended by the General Manager with funds from the Erosion Control and Reserve Contingency Fund as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bid and Funding for FY 2017 Fleet Vehicles

Brzowski briefed the Board on the recommended purchase and funding for FY 2017 fleet vehicles as follows:

2017 Ford F-250 (Lariat Package)	\$ 50,342.45
2017 Ford F-250	\$ 33,919.75
2017 Ford F-150	\$ 28,843.05
Vehicle Accessories	\$ 5,000.00

All vehicles would be purchased from Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing, with funding available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Director Adelman moved to approve the purchase of fleet vehicles from Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing with funding from the Capital Improvement Fund as presented. Director Johs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LNRA Parks and Open Space Master Plan 2017-2027

Brzowski informed the Board that to improve LNRA's opportunity for success in the upcoming Texas Parks and Wildlife grant application process, the short term priorities would need to be repositioned. After discussion with LNRA's consultant, Naismith Engineering, Inc., it was concluded that LNRA should focus on the construction of a new education/community complex and amphitheater that could serve the public.

The recommendation is as follows:

1. Community Education Complex (previously listed as Expansion/New Nature/Education Center)
2. Amphitheater
3. Replace/Upgrade Existing Playground Equipment
4. Shooting Sports Facility
5. Zip Line Course
6. Recreation/Swimming Dock
7. Ropes Climbing Course
8. MEC Playground/Pavilion
9. Alternative Access between Parks
10. Aquatics Center

Director Muegge moved to approve the modifications to the LNRA Parks and Open Space Master Plan 2017-2027 short term priorities as presented. Director Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TPW Indoor Grant Application

Brzowski recommended to the Board to consider authorizing LNRA to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife indoor grant and to make available matching funding from the Environmental Recreation Fund to support the construction of a new Community Education Complex.

Eric Rivera and Tom Brown of Hanson Professional Services, Inc. (formerly Naismith Engineering, Inc.) presented to the Board an overview of a preliminary facility plan for a new Community Education Complex. The proposed facility would accommodate natural resource/outdoor education yet serve as rental space and as a community gathering area. The plan includes a nature center with live exhibits, an education center for large group gatherings/education and an outdoor amphitheater that would accommodate presentations/ceremonies in an outdoor setting. Cost estimates, proposed layout and site plan were presented to the Board.

The Board was presented a Board Resolution and Applicant's Certification and Program Assurances authorizing submission of the indoor grant application.

Director Adelman moved to approve the Board Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Parks and Wildlife indoor grant application and engaging Hanson/Naismith to provide grant writing support as presented. Director Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Community Development Partnership Program

The Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP) grant applications were due on July 22, 2016. Available LNRA grant funds are \$100,000. Seven (7) applications were received. The CDPP Review Committee met on September 15, 2016 to discuss the application reviews and rankings. The Committee took action to recommend to the LNRA Board of Directors the following:

Organization	Project Title	Grant Request	Recommended Grant Award
Carancahua Fire Dept	Station Repairs & Extension	\$ 28,080.00	\$ 0
City of Edna	Baseball Field Improvements	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 13,300.00
Friends of Elder Citizens	Facility Improvements	\$ 32,200.80	\$ 32,200.00
Industrial ISD	Baseball/Softball Improvements	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 24,500.00
Jackson Co Hospital EMS	Ambulance Station #1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
St. Paul Lutheran	Parking Area	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0 (ineligible)
Texana Arts Center	The Branding Wall	\$ 4,799.95	\$ 4,800.00

* The Texana Arts Center grant to be funded from the LNRA Community Services Program designated for small grant requests (\$5,000 or less).

The Committee determined that the St. Paul Lutheran Preschool grant application was not eligible for grant monies two (2) consecutive years as outlined in the CDPG Grant Application Form.

Director Johs moved to approve the grant awards as recommended by the CDPG Review Committee as presented. Director Steffek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LNRA Scholarship Program

Brzowski briefed the Board on the LNRA Scholarship Program. Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (LNRA) currently provides scholarships for area students to further their education. Since 2011, LNRA has consistently awarded three (3) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships and the Kay Frels Memorial Scholarship for two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Each scholarship is available in \$500 increments per semester attended.

The Scholarship Program is currently funded using monies from the Alligator Management Contract between Janik Alligators and LNRA which averages \$7,000 - \$8,000 annually. The General Manager recommends to utilize LNRA hay lease revenue up to \$10,000 annually to additionally support the scholarship program. The Board was presented a copy of the current LNRA Scholarship Application and a spreadsheet indicating scholarship recipients to determine future funding and scholarships to be awarded.

After discussing several options to enhance the LNRA Scholarship Program, the Board requested Management to present a proposed plan at the October Board meeting for consideration by the Board.

Board Meeting Dates

Brzowski presented to the Board the proposed LNRA Board regular meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2017 as follows:

Wednesday	October 19, 2016
Tuesday	November 22, 2016
Wednesday	December 21, 2016

Tuesday	January 10, 2017
Wednesday	January 18, 2017
Wednesday	February 15, 2017
Wednesday	March 15, 2017
Wednesday	April 19, 2017
Wednesday	May 17, 2017
Wednesday	June 21, 2017
Wednesday	July 19, 2017
Tuesday	August 8, 2017
Wednesday	August 16, 2017
Wednesday	September 20, 2017

Director Taylor moved to approve the FY2017 LNRA Board of Director meeting dates as presented. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discuss Application to TCEQ to Amend LNRA Water Rights

Discuss Amendment No. 4 to Formosa Plastics Water Supply Contract

Follow-up to General Manager's Evaluation

President Kubecka declared the Board to convene in Executive Session, 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) and 551.074, (Personnel Matters) at 9:19 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:04 a.m. and President Kubecka declared the full Board to be in Open Session.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Ronald Kubecka
President

Terri Parker
Secretary-Treasurer