

**Lavaca-Navidad River Authority  
Clean Rivers Program  
2017 Steering Committee Meeting  
July 11, 2017**

The annual Lavaca Basin Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Annual Meeting was held in the Hafernack Recreation Center at Brackenridge Park and Campground, located approximately seven (7) miles east of Edna, Jackson County, Texas on July 11, 2017. Annual meetings provide an opportunity to share information about water quality issues with Basin stakeholders, to obtain guidance on the use of resources from the Clean Rivers Program and to allow LNRA to gain insight from local stakeholders and expertise from such members as Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas AgriLife Extension, and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Input from the attendees allows LNRA to prioritize water quality issues and determine the most effective water quality monitoring program. It also provides an educational opportunity for the community.

**Attending from Lavaca-Navidad River Authority:**

Chad Kinsfather, Environmental Services Director  
Brandon Byler, Environmental Services Technician  
Patrick Brzozowski, General Manager  
Karen Gregory, Deputy General Manager, Administration

**Others Attending:**

Ken Barton, Texas Stream Team  
Don Doering, City of Edna Manager  
Mike Hiller, AgriLife Extension Office  
Chris Janak, USDA – NRCS  
Vance Mitchell, Jackson County landowner  
Kelly Rodibaugh, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Randy Rushin, Water Monitoring Solutions  
Michael Schramm, Research Associate, Texas Water Resources Institute  
Millie Stevens, USDA – National Resources Conservation Service

**Chad Kinsfather, LNRA Environmental Services Director**, opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone and introduced Patrick Brzozowski, LNRA General Manager and Karen Gregory, Deputy General Manager. He thanked everyone for attending and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

Kinsfather briefed the attendees on the Clean Rivers Program and the 2017 Lavaca Basin Summary Report. Copies of the report were provided for attendees along with several other

hand-outs with information to be discussed at the meeting. A copy of the power point presented is attached as part of the official minutes.

**Michael Schramm, Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI)**, presented via power point, the Lavaca River Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) which included a description of the Lavaca River Watershed, the current water quality conditions and management measures. The Lavaca Basin stakeholder group recently approved submitting the Lavaca River WPP to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). After approval from TCEQ, the plan will be submitted to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Development of a grant proposal to fund implementation of the WPP will be sought to expand monitoring and to fund a coordinator.

Schramm also discussed with the Group the status of the current Rural Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) being conducted on the Rocky Creek Watershed by Tarleton State University.

A copy of the power point presented is attached as part of the official minutes.

**Randy Rushin, Water Monitoring Solutions**, addressed the Group and presented the 2017 Basin Summary Report for the Lavaca Basin. A copy of the Report was available for the Group and also is available on the LNRA website.

The group was given the opportunity for an open discussion.

Kinsfather expressed appreciation on behalf of LNRA to all who attended. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.