

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group
January 19, 2015
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, January 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m..

Voting Group Members present were: John Butschek, Patrick Brzozowski, Gerald Clark, Roy Griffin, Neil Hudgins, Jack Maloney, Robert Martin, Richard Ottis, Robert Shoemate, Harrison Stafford II, and Ed Weinheimer.

Absent Voting Group Members were: Lester Little, Phillip Spenrath, Edward Pustka, L. G. Raun, Michael Skalicky, and David Wagner.

Also present was: Sarah Backhouse of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Joshua Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Michael W. Rivet of Formosa Plastics, Tony Franklin of TSSWCB, Kristin Lambrecht of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President and Karen Gregory, LNRA staff.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Butschek moved to approve the minutes as presented. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LRWPG Contracting Entity

Backhouse informed the Group that as part of the regional water planning process, it is necessary to approve a contracting entity for the fifth round of planning.

Weinheimer moved to approve the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority as the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group political subdivision and contracting entity for the fifth round of regional water planning. Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Voting Member Nominations

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. A new voting member is also needed to represent water utilities. The Appointment Committee will work together to fill the vacant positions.

Election of Officers

Clark moved to re-elect Stafford, Chairman, Raun, Vice-Chairman, and Brzozowski, Secretary of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group and Griffin and Weinheimer to the Executive Committee. Ottis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LRWPG Political Subdivision Approval to Act

Maloney moved to approve for Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (LRWPG Political Subdivision) to provide public notice and submit a grant application to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB on behalf of LRWPG for funding the fifth round of region water planning. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Authorization of LRWPG Chair

Shoemate moved to authorize the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group (LRWPG) Chair to submit a request to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to perform a socio-economic impact analysis after LRWPG's water needs are finalized. Brzozowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ratification LNRA's Execution of Amendment #6

Brzozowski moved to ratify Lavaca-Navidad River Authority's execution of Texas Water Development Board Contract Amendment #6 for contract 1148301327. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TWDB Update

Backhouse briefed the Group on the following:

- 5th Regional Water Planning Cycle
 - 5th cycle contracts must be executed by August 31
 - Applications for funding due to TWDB March 3
 - Initial funding for Tasks 2A, 2B, and partial funding of Task 10
 - Large public notice associated with applying for funds
- Current Contract Amendment

- Timeline
 - Water Management Strategy data module released early April
 - IPP due to TWDB May 1
 - RWPGs to hold public hearings on IPP
 - Water Management Strategy data completed by July 1
 - Final Plan due to TWDB December 1
 - Final 2016 project prioritization list due to TWDB December 1

Backhouse also provided information regarding the IPP process which included a schematic indicating process. Information was also made available for the Group on SWIFT: State Water Implementation Fund for Texas.

Consultant Update

Burke briefed the Group (via Power Point presentation).

Burke summarized agenda items previously discussed at the August 18, 2014 meeting.

Burke also summarized recent task work since August 18th LRWPG meeting which included strategy evaluation efforts and draft chapter work.

Burke and the Group discussed Draft Chapter 1 (Regional Planning Area Description) which will be sent to the Group for their review next week. Draft Chapter 2 (Population and Water Demands) and Draft Chapter 3 (Analysis of Current Water Supplies) were sent to the Group for their review on January 7th. Draft Chapter 4 (Water Needs) will also be sent to the Group next for their review. Comments are due by the end of February for all draft Chapters.

Burke also presented information for the Group to discuss regarding draft water management strategies.

Burke presented information on the Drought Chapter 7 including requirements. The Drought Committee will be meet 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled LRWPG meeting.

Burke also informed the Group of the following schedule:

- Initially Prepared Plan due May 1st. (RWPG needs to approve the plan prior to submittal).
- TWDB Database entry due July 1st.
- Public hearing to receive public comments in June or July.
- Final Adopted 2016 Plan and Prioritization of 2016 Plan WMS due December 1st.

The Group scheduled LRWPG meetings for February 23 and March 23 at 1:30 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Harrison Stafford II
Chairman