

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
May 5, 2014  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held in the Navidad Room of the Harry Hafernick Recreation Center located approximately seven (7) miles southeast of Edna, Jackson County, Texas, off Highway 111 in Brackenridge Plantation Park and Campground on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent Voting Group Members were: Tommy Brandenberger, Rodney Jahn, Lester Little, Edward Pustka, L.G. Raun, Robert Shoemate, Michael Skalicky, Harrison Stafford, and David Wagner.

Also present was: Lann Bookout and Sarah Backhouse of Texas Water Development Board, Jaime Burke of AECOM, Josh Harper of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Clay Harris, City of El Campo, Lawrence Brown, Texas State Soil Water Conservation Board, Paul Bizier and Luke Burris of Barge Waggoner Summer & Cannon, Inc., Ronald Kubecka, LNRA Board President, Leonard Steffek, LNRA Board member, and Heather Tobola, LNRA staff.

Secretary Brzozowski called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

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

**Appointments for New Voting Members**

Brzozowski informed the Group that a new voting member is needed to replace Tommy Brandenberger, Industries, Lavaca County, who has submitted his resignation. The Appointment Committee will work together to fill the vacant position.

Brzozowski also informed the Board that Jack Maloney, Municipalities, City of Yoakum, has retired from the City of Yoakum. Maloney informed the Board that he would like to continue to

serve on the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group. The Group agreed and was appreciative of Maloney's willingness to serve.

### **Election of Officers**

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

### **Update from TWDB Project Manager**

Bookout introduced Sarah Backhouse, as the Texas Water Development Board new Project Manager. Backhouse and 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 December 2, 2013 meeting.

Burke also summarized task work since December 2, 2013.

Burke briefed the Group on the discussion with Region K Modeling Committee on the topic of Garwood surface water availability. Drought of record indicated that 100,000 AFY is available for Garwood Irrigation. The Region K/Region P split is currently 84%/16%. The available volume has been somewhat reduced in recent years attributable to the emergency drought relief. Region K is assuming that the full amount is available for supply. Region P could assume a reduced supply that would firm up under the LCRA off-channel reservoir strategy.

Griffin moved to reduce the Garwood supply from 16,000 acre feet to 4,000 acre-feet. Spenrath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Weinheimer moved to approve the consultant team to prepare and submit the required technical memorandum prior to August 1, 2014 to be ratified by the Regional Water Planning Group following submittal. Spenrath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **LRWPG Committee Updates**

The LRWPG By-laws Committee will schedule a meeting to prepare policy statements before next legislative session.

### **El Campo Reuse Project**

Bizier of Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. gave a presentation to the Group regarding the City of El Campo's State Revolving Fund (SRF) application. The City of El Campo is applying for a SRF loan for wastewater planning and design. The reuse of treated effluent is not currently included in the Region P Regional Water Plan. TWDB requires that the Plan to be amended or to request a waiver from the TWDB. To complete the loan application, the City needs a letter from the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group to Texas Water Development Board indicating the Group's response to the City's planning/feasibility study on the potential for reuse of treated effluent from the City's wastewater treatment plant.

Spennath moved to approve the LRWPG to send a letter in support of reuse of treated effluent from the City of El Campo's wastewater treatment plant. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Griffin moved to amend the Task 4D Scope of Work to include Reuse as a strategy for inclusion in the 2016 Plan and to delete Corpus Christi Surface Water Purchase as a strategy and authorize the consultants and LNRA to submit the amended Scope of Work to TWDB for approval. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There were no public comments regarding the addition of Reuse strategy to the Scope of Work and deleting Corpus Christi Surface Water Purchase as a strategy.

### **Draft Prioritization of Water Management Strategies**

Burke informed the Group that TWDB finalized and approved the uniform standards and project scoring spreadsheet that LRWPG used to prioritize projects in the 2011 LRWP. Each Region is to use the provided template to score each project in the Plan. The scoring results will determine the priority position of each project. LRWPG has two (2) projects from the 2011 LRWP.

Spennath moved to approve draft prioritization for submittal to TWDB by May 30, 2014. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Weinheimer moved to authorize the consultant and the LRWPG Executive Committee to work to address any comments received relative to the draft prioritization list submitted and develop the final prioritization for RWPG consideration and approval. Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Group tentatively scheduled a LRWPG meeting for August 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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Harrison Stafford II  
Chairman