

**Minutes of Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group  
November 4, 2024  
Edna, Texas**

A meeting of the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.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 was also available through audio/video teleconference.

Voting Group Members present were Chairman Spenrath, Vice-Chair Neil Hudgins, Secretary Patrick Brzozowski Members Jim Coleman, Vance Mitchell, Edward Pustka, Robert Shoemate, and Ed Weinheimer. Also in attendance was Jaime Burke of Black and Veatch, John Mauer of Texas Water Development Board, LNRA Board President Jerry Adelman and LNRA Board Vice President Sandy Johs, LNRA Deputy General Manager Karen Gregory, and LNRA Operations Manager Scott Hartl. Joining via audio/video teleconference were Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group voting members James Migl and Grace Ward, Tim Andruss of Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District, Lauren Gonzales, Katie Snyder, and Alicia Smiley of Black & Veatch, and Stephen Phillips of Formosa Plastics Corporation.

Absent Voting Group Members were Steve Cooper, Marie Day, Lee Hafernack, Jack Maloney, Bart McBeth, Dick Ottis, Michael Skalicky, and Jill Sklar.

Chairman Spenrath called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Weinheimer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Hudgins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Nominations for New Voting Members**

Chairman Spenrath informed the Group that a letter was received from Tom Chandler indicating his resignation from the Lavaca Regional Water Planning Group.

The Group will continue to seek new members to fill two (2) vacancies, Lavaca County Small Business and Jackson County Water Utilities.

**Acceptance of LNRA's 2024 DCP and WCP**

Brzozowski briefed the Board on LNRA's 2024 Drought Contingency Plan and LNRA's Water Conservation Plan as updated and approved by the LNRA Board of Directors on September 25, 2024. LNRA is required by code to update the Plans.

Mitchell moved to accept the LNRA 2024 Drought Contingency Plan and Water Conservation Plan as presented. Shoemate seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Briefing and Update from Texas Water Development Board**

John Mauer, Texas Water Development Board, presented an update to the Group as follows:

- **Implementation Survey**  
Used to document the level of implementation of strategies and projects from the 2021 RWPs  
Chapter 9  
Only five questions this cycle
- **Resources for IPP and Final RWP Processes**  
IPP and final Regional Water Plan Process Schematic  
IPP and Final Regional Water Plan Public Notice Summary  
IPP Review Checklist
- **New Executive Administrator and Board Member**  
Executive Administrator: Bryan McMath  
Board Member: Tonya Miller

A copy of the power point presentation was presented to the Group and made part of these official minutes.

**Reports from Regional Liaisons and Interregional Planning Council Representative**

There were no report updates from Regional Liaisons or Interregional Planning Council Representative.

**Briefing and Update from Black and Veatch**

Jaime Burke, Black and Veatch, briefed the Group on the Region P Schedule and progress since the last meeting.

Progress Since Last Meeting

- Water management strategy evaluations
- Chapter edits

Next Steps

- Review water management strategies and designate them as Recommended, Alternative, or Considered
- Prepare remaining draft chapters and provide to RWPG for review.
- Meet in January to discuss any initial comments on the chapters/plan.
- Make additional edits to draft plan.
- Meet in February to finalize edits to draft plan and adopt the Initially Prepared Plan for submittal to TWDB by March 3, 2025.
- Prepare for public hearing to present Initially Prepared Plan and receive public comments.

Burke and the Group discussed the Water Management Strategies and designated as Recommended, Alternative, or Considered.

<b>Water Management Strategy</b>	<b>Status Last Cycle (or New)</b>	<b>Suggestion for this Cycle</b>
Drought Management – Municipal	Recommended	Recommended
Drought Management - Manufacturing	Alternative	Alternative
Drought Management – Irrigation	Considered	Considered
Conservation – Municipal – Water Loss Reduction	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation – Municipal – Water Use Reduction	Recommended	Recommended

Conservation – Manufacturing	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation – Irrigation – Tail Water Recovery	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation – Irrigation – On-Farm Conservation	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation – Irrigation – Alternate Wetting/Drying	Alternative	Alternative
Reuse – El Campo	Recommended	Recommended
Expand Use of Groundwater – Edna	New	Recommended
Expand Use of Groundwater – Hallettsville	New	Recommended
Expand Use of Groundwater - Irrigation	Alternative	Alternative
LNRA – Lake Texana Yield Enhancement Project	Recommended	Recommended
LNRA- Desalination	Recommended	Recommended
LNRA – Aquifer Storage and Recovery	Alternative	Alternative
LNRA – Lake Texana Dredging	Alternative	Alternative

Determination can change before the Initial Prepared Plan is submitted, or up until final plan adoption. Brzozowski moved to approve the designation of strategies discussed and recommended by Burke. Weinheimer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke also gave a briefing on:

- Review of Legislative and Policy Recommendations from 2021 Plan Chapter 8 to identify any updates needed.

The Group went through the recommendations from the 2021 Plan one by one and made suggested edits.

The Group was presented with a copy of the Black and Veatch power point presentation and made part of these official minutes.

### **Schedule Future Meetings**

The Group tentatively scheduled meetings for January 27, 2025, 12:30 p.m. and February 10, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

### **Receive Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Phillip Spenrath  
Chairman