

## REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

### Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

#### Regular Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

#### **LERWPG Voting Membership as of February 19, 2020:**

Executive Committee: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Dr. Ken Rainwater (Secretary-Treasurer)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>TWDB Designation (Interest Category)</u>
Melanie Barnes, Ph. D	2019	Public
Jason Coleman, PE	2018	Water Districts
Harry DeWit	2021	Agricultural
Carrie Dodson	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#6)
Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM	2021	Agricultural
Joey Hardin	2022	Industries
Ronnie Hopper	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#2)
Nathaniel (Shane) Jones	2021	Water Utilities
Mark Kirkpatrick	2022	Agricultural
Don McElroy	2022	Small Business
Alan Monroe	2019	Municipalities (small) less than 10,000
Charlie Morris	2022	Counties
Ken Rainwater, Ph. D	2022	Public
Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2019	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
Bret Yeary, PE	2019	Electric Generating Utilities
Vacant	2017	(previously Water Supply Districts)
Vacant	2019	(previously Water Utilities)
Vacant	2019	(previously Municipalities (medium))
Vacant	2019	(previously Agriculture)
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#### **LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:**

Jean Devlin	N/A	TWDB
John Clayton	N/A	TPWD
Jason Lindeman	N/A	TCEQ
Carol Faulkenberry	N/A	TDA
Tommy O'Brien (Region G)	N/A	Designated Liaison to Region O

Rusty Ray N/A TSSWCB

**LERWPG Consultant**

Paula Jo Lemonds, PG, PE N/A HDR, Inc.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (Region O) met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. in the board room of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), 1323 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 17 of 20 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Mr. Joey Hardin, Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick, and Mr. Don McElroy.

The following voting members were not in attendance (unexcused absence): Not applicable.

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: Mr. John Clayton and Mr. Tommy O'Brien.

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Gynova Samples (SPAG), Layne Marlow (SPUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPWWCD), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Jenna Rao (HDR), Jared Velasquez (SPAG), Joe Reed (TX Corn) and J. Adams (Public).

3. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests were introduced

**ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. Consider Approval of January 22, 2020 LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jeffrey Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with Mr. Ben Weinheimer seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report, (Dr. Ken Rainwater, Secretary-Treasurer)

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve the financial report as presented with Dr. Melanie Barnes seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on planning tasks (Paula Jo Lemonds)
  - a) Presentation of evaluations on planning tasks
  - b) Review of changes made to draft IPP report sections since submittal to the LERWPG
  - c) Discussion of IPP and consideration of any final changes necessary prior to submittal of the IPP

Ms. Paula Lemonds introduced Jenna Rao from HDR to present the evaluations on planning tasks. Ms. Paula Lemonds reviewed and discussed changes made to the draft IPP based on input from the LERWPG members.

7. Consider Adopting the 2021 Initially Prepared Plan and Authorize the South Plains Association of Governments to Submit the Plan to the Texas Water Development Board

Mr. Ben Weinheimer made a motion to adopt the 2021 IPP and authorize SPAG to submit the plan to the TWDB with Mr. Ronnie Hopper seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Consider Approval of Holding Initially Prepared Plan Public Hearing and Authorize South Plains Association of Governments to Post Public Notice

Mr. Shane Jones made a motion to approve holding the IPP public hearing at SPAG and to authorize SPAG to post the public notices for the hearing as presented. Mr. Jeffrey Snyder seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

9. Consider and possible action to appoint nominees to the following interest categories:
  - a) Agriculture
  - b) Municipality (medium) 10-30,000 in population
  - c) Water District
  - d) Water Utilities

Mr. Aubrey Spear explained to the LERWPG that the executive committee has not had time to review nominee applications that were submitted since their focus has been on reviewing the draft IPP and preparing feedback to meet the upcoming deadline. The executive committee feels that it would be in the best interest of the LERWPG that they consider nominee applications from individuals in counties in Region O that are not represented in the LERWPG. Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to table the nominations until the Fall LERWPG meeting

and to possibly create a sub-committee to review the nominee applications with Mr. Charlie Morris seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS**

10. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Jean Devlin)

Ms. Jean Devlin gave a presentation on TWDB Updates.

11. Report from the Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

Ms. Kelly Davila shared with the LERWPG the instructions from the TWDB for the public hearing scheduled for May 14, 2020.

12. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – Next meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> in Lamesa

B. GMA #6 (Carrie Dodson) – Next meeting in June

13. Report from Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups:

A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – Met on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Region A is also finalizing IPP, Public Hearing scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>

B. Region B (Carrie Dodson) – Approved IPP, set date for Public Hearing

C. Region F (Dr. Melanie Barnes) – Region F is meeting tomorrow

D. Region G (Tommy O'Brien) – Absent, no report

14. Receive Public Comments (limited to three minutes per speaker)

J. Adams – Made comments regarding the selection of new members to the LERWPG.

15. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

The next LERWPG meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM followed by the public hearing at 5:30 PM. The LEWRPG meeting will be held so the group can receive a presentation from the TWDB on the socio-economic impact report associated with Region O for this planning cycle.

16. Consider Other Business and Announcements

No other business or announcements made.

17. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on May 14, 2020.

Attest: 

Aubrey A. Spear, P.E., LERWPG Chairman