

# REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

## Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

### Regular Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

#### **LERWPG Voting Membership as of February 11, 2021:**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>TWDB Designation (Interest Category)</u>
Melanie Barnes, Ph. D	2024	Public
Jason Coleman, PE	2023	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	2024	Municipalities (small) less than 10,000
Charlie Morris	2022	Counties
Ken Rainwater, Ph. D, PE	2022	Public
Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2024	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
Bret Yeary, PE	2024	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
Vacant	N/A	Designated Liaison to Region O
Rusty Ray	N/A	TSSWCB

#### **LERWPG Consultant**

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Paula Jo Lemonds, PG, PE

N/A HDR, Inc.

### Agenda

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Aubrey Spear, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

#### **2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 14 of 20 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Harry DeWit, Joey Hardin, Ronnie Hopper, Alan Monroe, Charlie Morris and Jim Steiert.

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

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: John Clayton.

Registered Guests in Attendance: Paula Jo Lemonds (HDR), Jenna Rao (HDR), Amber Blount, (Sandy Land UWCD), Sarah Backhouse (TWDB) J. Adams (citizen), Kelly Davila (SPAG), and Piata Bryant (SPAG).

#### **3. Introduction of Members and Guests**

There were no new attendees for introductions.

#### **4. Service Recognition of Tommy O'Brien**

Members spoke of Tommy O'Brien's service to Region O. A resolution will be prepared and submitted to the board for approval. The resolution will be submitted to the O'Brien family in honor Tommy O'Brien's dedication and service to LERWPG (Region O).

### Action Items

#### **5. Consider approval of September 10, 2020 LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes**

Ben Weinheimer made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Jeffrey Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **6. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report (Dr. Ken Rainwater- Secretary-Treasurer)**

Dr. Ken Rainwater suggested the financial report be sent to voting members as part of the meeting materials packet. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the financial report. Shane Jones seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **7. Consider nominations for new slate of officers (Chris Grotegut- Nomination Committee)**

Chris Grotegut presented the current slate of officers to continue in their current roles as follows: Aubrey Spear, Chair; Mark Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chair and Dr. Ken Rainwater, Secretary/Treasurer. Kent Satterwhite motioned to approve the current slate of officers to continue serving for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle. Jeffrey Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Consider selection of a technical consultant for the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle**

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LERWPG discussed available options to procure a technical consultant. Aubrey Spear explained that the group had two options: 1) they could renew the contract with HDR as the consultant for the next cycle, which does not require a formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process; or 2) the group could consider issuing an RFQ and evaluate proposals from technical consultants. Per SPAG's procurement process, SPAG can renew the contract with HDR or initiate an RFQ procurement process. After discussing the group's needs, goals, and HDR's performance, Mark Kirkpatrick motioned to renew the contract with HDR as the technical consultant for cycle 6. Jeff Sammon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **9. Consider selection of a political subdivision for the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle**

Ben Weinheimer made a motion to approve SPAG as the political subdivision for LERWPG for the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle. Chris Grotegut seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. Consider and take potential action on nominations of new members to the planning group**

Aubrey Spear suggested the group re-evaluate the member representation to determine whether specific interest groups are represented appropriately including geographic areas of the regional water planning group. The group decided to form committee to evaluate where more representation is needed, what type of interest groups are needed, and the number of members needed for this planning group. Aubrey Spear accepted the volunteer members and named a chair of the subcommittee. The members are as follows; Ken Rainwater, Chair; Kent Satterwhite, Chris Grotegut, Mark Kirkpatrick, Don McElroy and Melanie Barnes.

### **11. Consider and take potential action to authorize the Political Subdivision to provide notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group for initial funding for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of Regional Water Planning and act as necessary**

Jason Coleman moved to authorize the political subdivision, SPAG, to provide notice, apply and execute a contract with TWDB for 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Regional Water Planning on behalf of the LERWPG. Shane Jones seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

## **Work Session Items**

### **12. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Jean Devlin)**

Presentation by Jean Devlin where she updated the group regarding upcoming deadlines.

### **13. Report from the Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)**

No report.

### **14. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:**

#### **A. GMA # 2 (Ronnie Hopper)**

Jason Coleman provided an update on behalf of Ronnie Hopper. The next meeting is March 25, 2021.

#### **B. GMA # 6 (Carrie Dodson)**

This first meeting for this group is March 2021. Date TBD.

### **15. Report from Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups:**

#### **A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite)**

No report/update.

#### **B. Region B (Carrie Dodson)**

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No report/update.

- C. Region F (Dr. Melanie Barnes)

No report/update.

- D. Region G (Vacant)

Jeff Sammon from Brazos River Authority administers this group. Jeff Sammon will become the liaison for Region G to replace Tommy O'Brien. The executive committee will meet February 17, 2021 to kick off the cycle for Region G. Region G will decide the procurement of a technical consultant. The group will consider continuing with the current consultant or submit an RFQ for a new consultant. The next Region G regular/general meeting will be held March 3, 2021.

### **16. Receive Public Comments (*limited to three minutes per speaker*)**

No comments received.

### **17. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting**

Next meeting date TBD.

### **18. Consider New Business and Announcements**

No new business to discuss.

### **19. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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