

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

LERWPG Voting Membership as of August 8, 2018:

Executive Committee: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Doug Hutcheson (Secretary-Treasurer)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>TWDB Designation (Interest Category)</u>
1. Dr. Melanie Barnes, Ph. D	2019	Public
2. Jack Campsey	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#6)
3. Jason Coleman, PE	2018	Water Districts
4. Harry DeWit	2021	Agricultural
5. Delmon Ellison Jr.	2019	Agricultural
6. Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM	2021	Agricultural
7. Joey Hardin	2022	Industries
8. Ronnie Hopper	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#2)
9. Doug Hutcheson	2019	Water Utilities
10. Nathaniel (Shane) Jones	2021	Water Utilities
11. Mark Kirkpatrick	2022	Agricultural
12. Don McElroy	2022	Small Business
13. Shane McMinn	2019	Electric Generating Utilities
14. Charlie Morris	2022	Counties
15. Dr. Ken Rainwater, Ph. D	2022	Public
16. Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
17. Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
18. Tom Simons	2019	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
19. Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
20. Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2019	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
21. Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
22. John Taylor	2019	Municipalities (small) less than 10,000
23. Jimmy Wedel	2019	Agricultural
24. Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
25. Vacant	2017	(previously Municipal WSD)

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Tom Barnett	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
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (Region O) met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2018. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. in the board room of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 16 of 24 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Mr. Delmon Ellison, Jr., Mr. Joey Hardin, Mr. Shane Jones, Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick, Mr. Kent Satterwhite, and Mr. Tom Simons.

The following voting members were not in attendance (unexcused absence): There were no unexcused absences.

The following voting members resigned and were not in attendance: Mr. Jack Campsey (July 1, 2018) and Mr. Shane McMinn (May 18, 2018).

The following non-voting member was not in attendance: Mr. Rusty Ray (TSSWCB).

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Belinda Solis (SPAG), Amber Blount (Sandy Land UWCD), Ray Brady (GMA #6), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPUWCD), Jacob Hernandez (Mesa UWCD), Dan Seale (HPWD), Carrie Dodson (Gateway Groundwater) and Jack Foote (TSSWCB).

3. Introductions

Chairman Spear asked each guest in the audience to introduce themselves.

Chairman Spear moved to agenda item #15 and agenda #16 prior to receiving public comments for agenda item #4 and agenda item #5.

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Receive Public Comments on Technical Memorandum

Chairman Spear opened the floor to receive public comments on the Technical Memorandum. No public comments received.

5. Receive Public Comments on Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Chairman Spear opened the floor to receive public comments on Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies. No public comments received.

6. Consider approval of April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to approve the minutes with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

7. Consider Approval of March 15, 2018 Nominating Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Jim Steiert seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Consider Approval of March 22, 2018 MAG Peak Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jason Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

9. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report (Doug Hutcheson, Secretary-Treasurer)

Secretary-Treasurer Doug Hutcheson reported \$125,714.62 has been requested in the form of an advance from TWDB.

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to approve the financial report with Mr. Jim Steiert seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

10. Consider Resolution Formally Recognizing Mr. Jack Campsey for His Year of Service on the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group.

Mr. Jim Steiert made a motion to approve the Resolution to formally recognize Mr. Jack Campsey with Mr. Doug Hutcheson seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

11. Discuss and Consider Appointing Ms. Carrie Dodson to replace Mr. Jack Campsey as GMA 6 Representative for Region O.

Mr. Jim Steiert made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Carrie Dodson to

replace Mr. Jack Campsey with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

12. Discuss and Consider Appointing Ms. Carol Faulkenberry (alternate Mr. David Kercheval) to replace Mr. Matt Williams as TDA Representative for Region O

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve the appointment of Carol Faulkenberry (alternate Mr. David Kercheval) to replace Mr. Matt Williams as TDA Representative with Mr. Ronnie Hopper seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

13. Designate a Region O Voting Member as Liaison to Region F

Chairman Spear asked for volunteers to serve as a liaison to Region F and there were no volunteers. No action was taken on this agenda item.

14. Designate a Region O Voting Member as Liaison to Region B

Chairman Spear asked for volunteers to serve as a liaison to Region B and there were no volunteers. No action was taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS

15. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Submit the Region O Technical Memorandum to TWDB Executive Administrator Including a Summary of Any Comments Received in the Follow-up 14-Day Comment Period with the Submittal (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Lemonds presented an overview of TWDB requirements and guidance regarding the submittal of the Technical Memorandum with inclusion of water demand projections, water availability, existing water supplies, water needs, declaration of LERWPG's intent not to pursue simplified planning and a summary of any public comments received.

There were no oral public comments received regarding the Technical Memorandum at today's meeting. A summary of any public written comments received following the 14-day comment period will be included with the submittal of the Technical Memorandum.

The LERWPG reviewed and discussed the information provided by Ms. Lemonds to take appropriate action regarding the submittal and approval of the Tech Memo as presented at today's meeting.

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion declaring Region O does not intend to pursue simplified planning for development of the 2021 Region O RWP. Mr. Jim Steiert seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Suggested action from HDR is to direct consultant team to coordinate with LERWPG and TWDB staff and submit Technical Memorandum for use in the development of

the 2021 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan, per information received from public and presented during meeting today, and as necessarily modified during final coordination with LERWPG and TWDB.

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to direct consultant team to coordinate with LERWPG and TWDB staff and submit the Technical Memorandum for use in the development of the 2021 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan, per information received from public and presented during meeting today, and as necessarily modified during the final coordination with the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group and the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. John Taylor seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

16. Report from Scope of Work Advisory Group, Discussion, Receipt of Public Input, Consideration of Appropriate Action to Submit the Scope of Work Request to TWDB in Developing the 2021 Region O Plan, and Authorization for SPAG to Negotiate and Execute the Subsequent TWDB Contract Amendment that will be Issued (Paula Jo Lemonds)

The Scope of Work Advisory Group met via conference call on August 1, 2018. The following LERWPG members participated in the conference call: Dr. Chris Grotegut, Mr. Kent Satterwhite, Mr. Jeffrey Snyder, and Chairman Spear. Other participants on the conference call were Paula Jo Lemonds (HDR), Grady Reed (HDR) and Kelly Davila (SPAG).

Ms. Lemonds provided an overview of the Scope of Work (SOW) for development of the 2021 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan as prepared by the TWDB. The SOW identifies elements required to identify, evaluate and select WMSs to meet needs. RWP contract budgets include total funding amount allocated for Task 5A – evaluation and recommendation of WMSs and associated WMS Project (WMSPs), they do not include the SOW subtasks for region-specific WMS evaluations. When a RWPG wishes to proceed on any subtask associated with Task 5A, the RWPG must submit subtask SOW for Task 5A budget allocated to region. This is required for region to obtain written notice-to-proceed from TWDB that releases Task 5A funds for expenditure.

The suggested action from HDR regarding the submittal of the Scope of Work request to TWDB in developing the 2021 Region O Plan, and authorization for SPAG to negotiate and execute the subsequent TWDB contract amendment that will be issued is to:

- 1) Coordinate with LERWPG and TWDB staff and submit to the TWDB the approved Task 5A Scope of Work and notice-to-proceed request to further the development of the 2021 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan, per information received from the public and discussed and presented during the meeting today, and as necessarily modified during final coordination with LERWPG and TWDB; and
- 2) Authorize consultant team and/or SPAG to work with the TWDB on any follow up information that might be required; and

- 3) Authorize SPAG to negotiate and execute the subsequent TWDB contract amendment that will be issued.

There were no public comments received regarding Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies.

Dr. Melanie Barnes made a motion to approve HDR to coordinate with LERWPG and TWDB staff and submit to the TWDB the approved Task 5A Scope of Work and notice-to-proceed request to further the development of the 2021 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan, per information received from the public and discussed and presented during the meeting today, and as necessarily modified during final coordination with LERWPG and TWDB. Mr. Jim Steiert seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Jim Steiert made a motion to authorize consultant team and/or SPAG to work with the TWDB on any follow up information that might be required. Dr. Chris Grotegut seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Jim Steiert made a motion to authorize SPAG to negotiate and execute the subsequent TWDB contract amendment that will be issued. Mr. Ronnie Hopper seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

17. Report from HDR Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Lemonds presented an updated working schedule that included key dates for the 2021 Planning Cycle, new information from TWDB, a review of Project Funding Information and Details of Data from TWDB, and also provided an update on drought monitor information.

18. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Tom Barnett)

Mr. Barnett reported TWDB staff are developing the draft State Flood Assessment, which will be posted for public comment at www.TexasFloodAssessment.com and on the TWDB's website. Target date for posting the draft assessment is by end of August 2018. The Board will also hold a work session to accept public testimony on the document. Following consideration of public comments, the Executive Administrator will present a final version of the State Flood Assessment for consideration and adoption at a subsequent Board meeting in order to deliver a report to the Texas Legislature prior to the start of the 86th Legislative Session.

Mr. Barnett also reported the Water for Texas 2019 Conference will be held on January 23-25, 2019 (registration now open). Conference speakers, panels, and exhibits will examine the state's water narrative – past, present and future. LERWPG members are encouraged to share their ideas and participate in writing the future of Texas water. Topics include Texas Water Policy, State Flood Assessment, Drought and Flood Resiliency projects, Conservation and Innovative Water Supply Solutions, and

Water Communications (successes, challenges, and opportunities).

19. Report from Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

Ms. Davila reported there are new rules in place for solicitation of nominations for LERWPG members. A public notice is required to solicit new members to fill a vacant seat on the membership or when seeking to reappoint members with expiring terms.

Ms. Davila reported the LERWPG meeting materials for each meeting are posted on the Llano website. If a member prefers to have the meeting packet mailed please let her know and a meeting packet will be mailed to those individuals.

20. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – Going well, nothing to report.

B. GMA #6 (Vacant) – Nothing to report.

21. Report from other Liaisons to other Regional Water Planning Groups

A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – No report.

B. Region B (Vacant) – No report.

C. Region F (Vacant) – No report.

D. Region G (Tommy O'Brien) – Mr. O'Brien reported Region G recently had the Salt Fork Group speak at their meeting on chloride control and suggested Region O have them speak to the planning group. He also reported Region G amended their bylaws and did away with term limits and stated they are on the same schedule as the LERWPG on the planning cycle.

22. Public Input and Comments to the Regional Water Planning Group

There were no public comments received.

23. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

Chairman Spear reported the next meeting will tentatively be scheduled in January 2019 (for action items) and there could possibly be a 'Work Session' meeting scheduled for either October or November to discuss potential water management strategies. Chairman Spear asked members to please submit any agenda items they would like to discuss to the executive committee.

24. Consider Other Business and Announcements

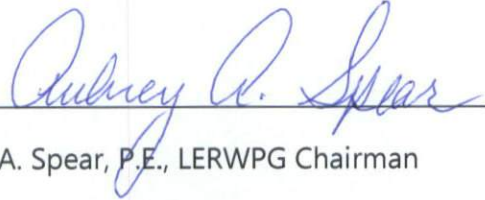
There was no other business to discuss or announcements.

25. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on April 24th, 2019.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aubrey A. Spear". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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