

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019

LERWPG Voting Membership as of September 17, 2019:

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>
Dr. Melanie Barnes, Ph. D	2019	Public
Jason Coleman, PE	2018	Water Districts
Harry DeWit	2021	Agricultural
Carrie Dodson	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#6)
Delmon Ellison Jr.	2019	Agricultural
Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM	2021	Agricultural
Joey Hardin	2022	Industries
Ronnie Hopper	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#2)
Doug Hutcheson	2019	Water Utilities
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
Dr. Ken Rainwater, Ph. D	2022	Public
Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
Tom Simons	2019	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2019	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
Jimmy Wedel	2019	Agricultural
Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
Bret Yeary, PE	2019	Electric Generating Utilities
Vacant	2017	(previously Municipal WSD)

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Lann Bookout	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 Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 17 of 24 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Mr. Joey Hardin, Mr. Doug Hutcheson, Mr. Shane Jones, Mr. Don McElroy, Mr. Alan Monroe, Mr. Tom Simons, and Mr. Jimmy Wedel.

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

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: Not applicable

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Gynova Samples (SPAG), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPUWCD), Jacob Hernandez (Mesa UWCD), Ray Brady (WBS), Jerry Millsaps (TWDB), Victoria Whitehead (HPUWCD) and Amber Blount (Sandy Land UWCD).

3. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests were introduced

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Consider Approval of June 27, 2019 LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with Mr. Jason Coleman seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report, (Kelly Davila, SPAG)

Mr. Jeffrey Snyder made a motion to approve the financial report as presented with Mr. Kent Satterwhite seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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

The search for a liaison for Region F is still on going. Motion was not placed; the next Region F Meeting will be November 21, 2019. Dr. Melanie Barnes and Dr. Ken Rainwater were informed of the upcoming meeting since they both indicated that they might be able to attend.

7. Consider Approval of the Contract Amendment issued by TWDB to increase committed funds

Dr. Melanie Barnes made a motion to approve the contract by the TWDB with Mr. Jeffrey Snyder seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Report from Legislative and Regional Policy Workgroup (Aubrey Spear)

Mr. Aubrey Spear presented the Legislative and Regional Policy that included updates recommended by the August 28th workgroup. LERWPG members will need to review the recommended updates and provide comments or ideas. The Legislative and Regional Policy will need to be approved at the next LERWPG meeting.

9. Discussion of Planning Area Description (Chapter 1)

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, gave an overview of data and information related to the 2021 Draft Chapter 1 Planning Area Description for the LERWPG members to review and discuss.

10. Discussion of Preliminary Results of Select Water Management Strategy (WMS) Evaluations (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, gave an overview of data and information related to the Preliminary Results of Select Water Management Strategy (WMS). Previously suggested WMS were City of Lubbock surface water WMS and City of Lubbock Groundwater WMS. LERWPG members will need to review 2021 Draft Chapter 5 Conservation text and provide comments or ideas.

11. Discussion of Conservation (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, presented the recommendation from the TWDB Guidance 5.10 Water Conservation Recommendations of providing internet links for model water conservation plans instead of an attached hard copy. LERWPG members suggested to do both to include those who may not have internet access.

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, presented the recommendation from the TWDB Guidance 5.10 Water Conservation Recommendations of plumbing code savings. Suggestion was made to keep the plumbing code savings included. LERWPG members will review the information and provide comments.

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, gave an overview of data and information related to Municipal, Irrigation, Industrial and Livestock conservation.

- Municipal conservation 2021 Plan methodology goal suggestion is to reduce gpcd by 0.5% annually until target is met
- Irrigation conservation 2021 Plan methodology goal suggestion is to show conservation savings in inches/acre/year & acre-feet/year per county
- Industrial conservation 2021 Plan methodology goal suggestion is to meet a voluntary target reduction of 1% by 2020, 3% by 2030, and 5% from 2040-2070
- Livestock conservation 2021 Plan methodology goal suggestion is to consider water conversation at an individual livestock operation level and not calculate cost estimates

Suggestion was made by the LERWPG Chair to create a working group for those with Agriculture interests in the group. Those interested were Mr. Delmon Ellison, Mr. Harry DeWit, Mr. Ronnie Hopper, and Dr. Chris Grotegut.

LERWPG members reviewed the draft 2021 conservation text and provided various comments, including discussing more on this item in the next meeting.

12. Discussion of Drought (Chapter 7) (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, gave an overview of data and information related to Drought Draft Chapter 7. Suggestion was made to use the same approach as 2016 Plan and update based on new information. LERWPG will review draft 2021 Drought text and provide comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS

13. Report from HDR Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Paula Lemonds reported updates on the following: (1) Background and Review regarding the Regional Water Planning Process, (2) Next Steps, (3) Water Management Strategy Development, (4) Information from TWDB, and (5) Drought Monitor.

Ms. Paula Lemonds presented some of the completed WUG surveys that were submitted to SPAG and discussed the statements made in them with the LERWPG members.

14. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Lann Bookout)

Mr. Lann Bookout reported to the LERWPG that by the end year the group will need to review the Socioeconomic Impact Analysis, and in accordance to House Bill 807, RWPGs are required to nominate a member for the Interregional Planning Council.

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

Ms. Kelly Davila reported that SPAG will be having their SPAG Annual Meeting and TML Meeting before WUG surveys are due. Ms. Kelly Davila will be presenting and passing out surveys to the city officials in attendance at the meetings.

Ms. Kelly Davila let the LERWPG know that the nomination for the Interregional Planning Council will be on the next agenda.

Ms. Kelly Davila reported to the LERWPG that Region O Dues will be sent out on October 1st and if anybody has questions LERWPG members may direct them to her for more information.

16. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – Meeting in Seminole on September 24th

B. GMA #6 (Carrie Dodson) – GMA #6 met in July

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

A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – Region A met in June, topics are similar to Region O, they will be meeting again in October

B. Region B (Carrie Dodson) – Next meeting in October, topic was mostly on Cross Timbers Aquifer

C. Region F (Vacant) – No report.

D. Region G (Tommy O'Brien) – Meeting next week, topics are similar to Region O

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

Public Comment from Victoria Whitehead at HPUWCD in reference to agenda item #11: These numbers do impact grant funding for entities like HPUWCD, but also they have an impact on legislators. They look at these numbers and take them into consideration. Maybe include pages of explanation of agriculture's economics as supplement to the 2021 Plan.

19. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

The next LERWPG meeting will take place in early November, possibly the 13th or 20th.

20. Consider Other Business and Announcements

Mr. Lann Bookout is the temporary replacement for Mr. Aaron Waters who is no longer with the TWDB.

Mr. Doug Hutcheson will be retiring and a recommendations for a replacement will need to be considered.


Mr. Lann Bookout elaborated on who can be a nominee for the Regional Planning Council and answered various questions from the LERWPG members.

21. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on November 13, 2019.

Attest:


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