

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

LERWPG Voting Membership as of November 13, 2019:

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)
Delmon Ellison Jr.	2019	Agricultural
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
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)
Vacant	2019	(previously Water Utilities)

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Sarah Backhouse	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, November 13, 2019. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 19 of 24 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Ms. Carrie Dodson, 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: Mr. John Clayton, and Mr. Tommy O'Brien.

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Gynova Samples (SPAG), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPUWCD), Jacob Hernandez (Mesa UWCD), Victoria Whitehead (HPUWCD), Jared Wesley (City of Wolfforth), Dan Seale (HPWD), and Keith Sides (USDA-NRCS).

3. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests were introduced

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Consider Approval of September 17, 2019 LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Mr. Jason Coleman made a motion to approve the financial report as presented with Mr. Ben Weinheimer seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

6. Consider nomination and selection of a new Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Aubrey Spears recognized Dr. Ken Rainwater as a nominee for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Dr. Melanie Barnes made a motion to approve Dr. Ken Rainwater as the new Secretary-Treasurer for the LERWPG with Mr. Delmon Ellison seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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

Region O Voting member, Dr. Melanie Barnes, has volunteered to serve as the designated liaison to Region F. Mr. Jason Coleman made a motion to approve Dr. Melanie Barnes as liaison to Region F with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Consider approval of nominee(s) for the TWDB Interregional Planning Council

Mr. Aubrey Spears recognized Dr. Melanie Barnes as a nominee for the TWDB Interregional Planning Council. Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve Dr. Melanie Barnes as the TWDB Interregional Council representative for Region O with Mr. Jim Steiert seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

9. Discussion of Chapter 1: Planning Area Description

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the draft of 2021 Chapter 1 Planning Area Description with the added comments from the LERWPG members. She requested information for the missing data in Chapter 1 on page 1-34 thru 36 under sections 1.5.7 and 1.5.8. Mr. Harry DeWit, Mr. Ben Weinheimer, and Mr. Jason Lindeman will provide data for the missing information.

10. Discussion of Chapter 2: Population and Water Demand Projections

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the 2021 Draft Chapter 2: Population and Water Demand Projections with data that was submitted in 2018. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested comments or ideas to include in the narrative for Chapter 2.

11. Discussion of Chapter 3: Water Availability and Existing Water Supplies

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the 2021 Draft Chapter 3: Water Availability and Existing Water Supplies with data that was submitted in 2018. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested data for the missing information and any comments/ideas for the narrative.

12. Discussion of Chapter 4: Identification of Water Needs

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the 2021 Draft Chapter 4: Identification of Water Needs. Mr. Jason Coleman, Mr. Kent Satterwhite and Dr. Chris Grotegut had questions/comments about the data provided for Deaf Smith County and Hale County. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds clarified that the data was from the drought of records. Mr. Kent Satterwhite asked Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds to include a statement that the data in Chapter 4 is from the drought of record.

13. Preliminary results of select water management strategy (WMS) evaluations

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the results of select water management strategy (WMS) evaluations. Strategies in review/in progress are City of Lubbock WMS, City of Lubbock Groundwater WMS, Conservation Strategies, Groundwater (new well(s)) Strategies (INTERA), and Salt Fork Water Quality. Discussed five new Cities that noted new groundwater (wells) supplies in September WUG survey. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested comments or ideas for Chapter 5's narrative.

14. Consider approval of evaluation of additional water management strategies

Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the additional water management strategies as presented with Mr. Jeffery Snyder seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

15. Discussion of Conservation

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed Conservation related to the 2021 Draft Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies with data submitted in 2018. Mr. Aubrey Spear informed the LERWPG that the LERWPG members with agriculture interests met in an Ag Work Group to discussed conservation and gave a summary of what was discussed. Due to various reasons the irrigation conservation data for agriculture does not accurately reflect what is going on in the Ag community. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested the LERWPG to review the chapter and provide comments or ideas for conservation data.

16. Discussion of Chapter 7: Drought Response Information, Activities, and Recommendations

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the 2021 Draft Chapter 7: Drought Response Information, Activities, and Recommendations. She requested information for the missing historic lake level data for Lake Meredith and White River. Mr. Kent Satterwhite and Mr. Shane Jones mentioned they would seek to provide the missing data. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested the LERWPG to review the chapter and provide any comments or ideas.

17. Discussion of Chapter 8: Unique Stream Segments and Reservoir Sites and Other Recommendations

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the 2021 Draft Chapter 8: Unique Stream Segments and Reservoir Sites and Other Recommendations with added comments from Mr. Jim Steiert and Dr. Chris Grotegut. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested the LERWPG to review the chapter and provide any comments or ideas.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS

18. Report from HDR Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds reported updates on the following: (1) Review- Regional Water Planning Acronyms and Definitions, (2) Water User Group (WUG) Information Verification Survey, (3) Next Steps, (4) Regional Water Plan Development, (5) Information from TWDB, and (6) Drought Monitor.

19. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Sarah Backhouse)

Ms. Sarah Backhouse discussed the Initially Prepared Plans (IPP) and final plans in 2020 that will need to be adopted by the LERWPG. Other information she discussed with the LERWPG is the flood planning rules and socioeconomic impact analysis.

Ms. Sarah Backhouse informed the LERWPG that the new TWDB project manager will be Ms. Jean Devlin and will be present at the next meeting.

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

Ms. Kelly Davila reported that eight LERWPG members' terms will expire by December 31, 2019. Three members have elected to not seek reappointment including the current vacancy adding to a total of 4 vacancies in municipalities, water utilities and agriculture. She informed the LERWPG that SPAG will handle the soliciting for the vacancies.

Ms. Kelly Davila reported to the LERWPG that there are about 15 entities that still have not paid their due for Region O 2020. She informed the LERWPG that in June of 2020 SPAG will issue an advance notice of the dues for 2021 to the Cities/Counties so they may budget for the expense.

21. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – Met twice in the fall and will be making some changes to their information regarding the amount of water used for oil drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Mr. Ronnie Hopper requested Mr. Jason Coleman to make some comments about the consultant that they are hiring.

B. GMA #6 (Carrie Dodson) – Absent from meeting, no report

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

- A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – Region A met on November 12th
- B. Region B (Carrie Dodson) – Absent from meeting, no report
- C. Region F (Vacant) – Recently appointed Dr. Barnes as liaison for Region F, they will be meeting next week, and she will give a report at the next LERWPG meeting

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

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

No public comments were received

24. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

Ms. Sarah Backhouse informed the LERWPG if they would like to have Mr. John Sutton present that it will need to be schedule for January or February.

Next meetings will need to be late January and early February. Plan is due in March.

25. Consider Other Business and Announcements

Passed out packets for Mr. Jim Steiert.

26. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 P.M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on January 22, 2020.

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