

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

September 10, 2015

10:00 a.m.

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 Office
2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX

1. Call To Order and Welcome.

Chairman H. P. Brown, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in the A. Wayne Wyatt Board Room of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas.

Notice of the meeting was provided to each voting/non-voting member/interested parties and was also filed/posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at the following locations: *Office of Texas Secretary of State, Office of Lubbock County Clerk, Lubbock County Courthouse, Administrative Offices of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the High Plains Water District web site at www.hpwd.com, and the regional water planning group web site at www.llanoplan.org.*

2. Roll Call of Members and Establish Quorum.

The following Llano Estacado Water Planning Group members were in attendance:

Dr. Melanie Barnes; H. P. Brown, Jr.; Jack Campsey; Jason Coleman; Delmon Ellison, Jr.; Harvey Everheart; Ronnie Hopper; Mark Kirkpatrick; Michael McClendon; Don McElroy; Charlie Morris; Dr. Ken Rainwater; Kent Satterwhite; Aubrey Spear; and John Taylor.

A quorum of Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group members was in attendance (*15 of 19 voting members or 79% attendance*).

Voting members unable to attend (excused absences): Bill Harbin; Doug Hutcheson; Jim Steiert; and Jimmy Wedel.

Voting members unable to attend (unexcused absences): None.

Non-voting members in attendance: Non-voting members in attendance were Tom Barnett for Sarah Backhouse, TWDB; John Clayton, TPWD; Amy Ewing and Beth Salvas, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates; and Jay Keith, TCEQ.

Non-voting members unable to attend (excused absences): Matt Williams, TDA.

Others in attendance: The following names were obtained from a sign-in sheet at today's meeting: Lori Barnes, Llano Estacado UWCD; Kody Bessent, HPWD; Neil Blandford, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates; Ray Brady, GMA 6; Amber Blount, Sandy Land UWCD; J. O. Dawdy; Kelly Davila, SPAG; Adeline Fox, HPWD; Lindy Harris, South Plains UWCD; GayLynn Hobgood, Office of Rep. John Frullo; Malcolm Laing, City of Lubbock; Jason Lindeman, TCEQ; Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR Engineering; Ann McElroy; Dan Seale, HPWD Board of Directors; Keith Sides, USDA-NRCS; Tom Simons, Mayor of Hereford; Belinda Solis, SPAG; Leland Stuckey; Robin Tepper, Office of Senator Charles Perry; and Kelly Young.

Carmon McCain of the High Plains Water District staff served as recording secretary for the meeting. Cathy Sosebee with Cathy Sosebee and Associates transcribed the meeting.

Noting that there are several member resignations on today's agenda, Chairman Brown said he, Bill Harbin, Don McElroy, Kent Satterwhite, and Jim Steiert are the remaining five original members of the LERWPG appointed to serve in 1998.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Discuss and take possible action to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 regular meeting.

Draft minutes of the April 15, 2015 regular meeting were provided to the members prior to today's meeting. There being no additions, comments, or corrections, a motion was made by Mark Kirkpatrick and seconded by Harvey Everheart to approve the minutes as printed. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discuss and take possible action to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 public hearing to receive comments on the initially prepared 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Draft minutes of the June 18, 2015 public hearing were provided to the members prior to today's meeting. There being no additions, comments, or corrections, a motion was made by Harvey Everheart and seconded by Don McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Discuss and take possible action to approve the financial report.

The August 2015 financial report was provided to the members prior to today's meeting. In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Hutcheson, Chairman Brown reported an August 31, 2015 bank balance of \$204,055.18. A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Ronnie Hopper and seconded by John Taylor. All members voted "aye" and the financial report was unanimously approved as presented.

6. Discuss and consider accepting the resignation of Robert Josserand, who represents medium-sized municipalities.

A resignation letter from Robert Josserand was provided to the members prior to today's meeting. Mr. Josserand has represented medium-sized municipalities on the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group since 1998. He recently chose not to seek re-election as Mayor of Hereford and therefore is resigning his position as a member of the LERWPG. A motion to accept Mr. Josserand's resignation was made by Delmon Ellison and seconded by Dr. Melanie Barnes. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Discuss and consider appointing Mayor Tom Simons of Hereford to represent medium-sized municipalities.

Mr. Josserand submitted a letter to the LERPWG endorsing Mayor Tom Simons of Hereford to replace him as a member of the regional water planning group. In accordance with LERWPG By-Laws, Mayor Simons has provided a letter of interest and a resume which were provided to members in advance of today's meeting. An additional letter of support was provided by Jim Steiert, who represents environmental issues on the LERPWG.

Chairman Brown noted that Mayor Simons' letter incorrectly stated that he was expressing interest to serve as a member of the High Plains Water District Board—and should have stated Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group. Chairman Brown asked the group to approve this agenda item with the understanding that a corrected letter will be provided to the regional water planning group. A motion to appoint Mayor Tom Simons of Hereford to serve on the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group was made by Kent Satterwhite and seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Simons joined the group at the table as a representative for medium-sized municipalities.

8. Discuss and consider removing the late Richard Gillespie, who represented the oil and gas industry, as a voting member.

A copy of Mr. Gillespie's obituary from the *Seminole Sentinel* was provided to members in advance of today's meeting. A motion to remove Mr. Gillespie as a voting member of the LERWPG was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Hopper. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Discuss and consider removing Bruce Blalack, who represented large municipalities as a voting member due to his retirement from the City of Lubbock.

A copy of Mr. Blalack's notice of retirement/resignation from the City of Lubbock was provided to members in advance of today's meeting. A motion to remove Mr. Blalack was made by Vice-Chairman Aubrey Spear and seconded by Mr. Everheart. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

NOTE: The next two items were considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon other than the order set forth in today's meeting agenda.

12. Discuss and consider action to designate the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) as the political subdivision to administer the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group ("Region O") for the 5th cycle of regional water planning.

Chairman Brown asked the membership to consider this agenda item at this time since one of the representatives from the South Plains Association of Governments must return to their office for a 11 a.m. hearing.

He then introduced Kelly Davila and Belinda Solis with SPAG's Regional Services Department. Ms. Davila is the director of the department.

Ms. Davila gave a brief overview of SPAG and their interest in serving as the political subdivision for Region O for the 5th cycle of regional water planning. They encompass a 15-county region in Northwest Texas, which includes several counties in Region O.

She recently met with Kyle Ingham of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo to discuss the various administrative duties associated with regional water planning. The PRPC is the political subdivision administering the Panhandle Water Planning Group ("Region A").

Earlier in the year, Chairman Brown appointed a subcommittee to assist in locating a political subdivision for the 5th cycle of water planning. He commended Chairman Kent Satterwhite, Lori Barnes, Harvey Everheart, Lindy Harris, Ronnie Hopper, Charlie Morris, Aubrey Spear, and Jim Steiert for their efforts. In addition, he also thanked Kody Bessent, HPWD Legislative Affairs Director, for his assistance.

Vice-Chairman Spear said most towns and cities on the Texas High Plains know and understand the importance of water. As a result, none of them refused the committee's request to help pay their share to help fund SPAG as the new Region O political subdivision.

He noted that some of the major contributors to the fundraising effort included Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, the City of Lubbock, and High Plains Water District (HPWD).

Chairman Brown commended HPWD for its service as the Region O political subdivision since 1997. He said the district has done an outstanding job for the past 18 years.

Mr. Coleman thanked Chairman Brown for his kind words. He told the group that HPWD is more than willing to help SPAG with the transition process.

Mr. Hopper commended Mr. McCain for his many years of service as the HPWD staff liaison for Region O.

There being no other comments or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Satterwhite and seconded by Vice-Chairman Spear that the SPAG be designated as the political subdivision to administer the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group for the 5th cycle of regional water planning. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Discuss and consider an amendment to the Texas Water Development Board contract for the 5th cycle of regional water planning that reassigns designated political subdivision duties from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District to the South Plains Association of Governments.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

TWDB will issue the amendment to the contract for the 5th cycle of regional water planning after notification that Region O has taken official action to designate SPAG as the new political subdivision. Mr. Barnett will report this to the TWDB when he returns to Austin. This agenda item will be revisited at the October 8 regular meeting.

Ms. Davila left the meeting at this time.

10. Discuss and consider responses to public comments received regarding the Initially Prepared Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan.

Chairman Brown called on Vice-Chairman Spear, Amy Ewing, and Beth Salvas to discuss this agenda item.

The LERPWG held a June 18 public hearing at the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center to receive verbal and written comments regarding the initially prepared plan.

Following the August 17 deadline for comments, a subcommittee consisting of Vice-Chairman Spear, Jason Coleman, Harvey Everheart, Mark Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Ken Rainwater met with the technical consultants to review the public comments prior to today's meeting.

Oral and written comments were received from J. Collier Adams, Jr.; Dr. Judy Reeves; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and the Texas Water Development Board.

Vice-Chairman Spear told the group that there were several significant changes requested in the TWDB comments. Because of this, the committee recommended that the LERPWG meet in September to consider/approve the proposed changes and responses. It is important that the proposed modifications comply with TWDB comments and rules.

Ms. Salvas began the discussion concerning the TWDB comments.

She told the members that the consultants reevaluated water needs and surplus in the region. As a result, the water supply data were adjusted to minimize the needs/surplus for all water user groups--with a primary focus on municipal water needs. This information is included in Handout # 1: "RWP Draft Data – Split WUG Water Balance."

In addition, additional water management strategies were added to ensure there were no unmet municipal water needs after the implementation of the recommended water management strategies. This is reflected in Handout # 2: "Region O List of Recommended Water Management Strategies with Estimated Supply Amounts" and Handout # 3 "Alternative Water Management Strategies by Water User Groups."

Ms. Salvas noted that these data are better than those included in the previous regional water management plan. Vice-Chairman Spear agreed by saying that while these data are not perfect, they are the best they can be for now. He added that the TWDB will not approve a regional water plan that shows unmet municipal water needs unless there are justifications for how public health, safety, and welfare will be protected. It is for this reason that the water supplies have been adjusted slightly. The adjustment is likely less than a fraction of a percent-which is about the margin of error for most groundwater modeling applications.

An impact matrix was developed for quantitative evaluation of the water management strategies. The impact matrix categories include: acres impacted; threatened and endangered species; instream flows; agricultural resources; playa wetlands; springs; and cultural sites. This is included in Handout # 4: "Region O Impact Matrix." Ms.

Ewing said the TWDB suggested that Region O use Region F's template as an example for presentation of these data in the plan.

Ms. Ewing asked the members to review the draft response to the TWDB water management strategy evaluation and Task 4D Scope comments.

All potentially feasible strategies are required to be fully evaluated in accordance with TWDB Rule §357.34(d). Strategies that are not being fully evaluated in the plan are considered to be no longer potentially feasible.

In order to address the TWDB level 1 comments 22 and 23, the consultant and subcommittee recommend the following Task 4D sub-strategies be designated as no longer feasible, for the stated reasons:

- Evaluating whether there are any groundwater sources that could be brought in to augment irrigation water supplies since no specific project, sponsor, or water source has been identified.
- Evaluating the Blaus Wasser (now BW Primoris) groundwater importation plans for municipal use since BW Primoris has not sought involvement in the regional water planning process.
- Trench recharge to enhance aquifer recharge from precipitation events since no specific project/sponsor has been identified.
- Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) channel water supply enhancement project. This is an operations and maintenance activity and not a water management strategy.
- Acquisition of available supplies, since this is either covered by other strategies in the plan or is confidential.
- Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) groundwater development strategy since no specific project/sponsor has been identified.

In order to address TWDB level 1 comments 14c, 14d, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 26, the consultant and subcommittee recommend the following Task 4D sub-strategies be designated as no longer potentially feasible, since no specific project or sponsor has been identified or for a different stated reason—but that they be included as best management practices in the plan.

- Graywater reuse.
- Treated wastewater reuse for energy production.
- Non-potable water reuse for fracking.
- Playa best management practices.

- Rainwater harvesting.
- Brush management.
- Precipitation enhancement.
- Drought management is being considered as an emergency tool and not an ongoing strategy.
- Electric-dry power generation.

She noted that the Task 4D scope was submitted with all strategies included. However, some strategies could not be fully evaluated, due to the reasons that are noted above. As a result, they are being considered as best management practices. The group also asked that CAFO groundwater development and no-till farming be included as best management practices in the final plan.

Ms. Ewing then led discussion on the LERWPG's response to public comments received from J. Collier Adams, Jr.; Dr. Judy Reeves; and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Kelly Young asked why the comments he made at the June 18 public hearing were not considered as part of the public comment. Mr. Young asked a question from the audience that evening. Ms. Ewing said that a formal response will be prepared to address Mr. Young's comment.

Ms. Ewing presented the draft document, "Responses to TPWD Comments on the Initially Prepared 2016 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan" for consideration.

The comments/responses include:

- Changing a reference to the State Fishery to TPWD.
- Addition of a new impact matrix to quantitatively assess impacts of recommended strategies to habitat, threatened, and endangered species.
- Acknowledging that the TPWD has identified several stream segments in the region that meet at least one of the criteria for classification as ecologically unique, and stating that the LERWPG will work with the TPWD in the future, should it decide to make any nominations.
- Acknowledging the TPWD's concerns about the Post Reservoir strategy and its potential impacts on the recently listed endangered Smalleye and Sharpnose Shiners, downstream instream uses including aquatic and riparian habitats, water quality, and wildlife habitat. Before construction could begin, a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or other authorization from another federal agency, would be required. We expect that the permit issuance action would trigger Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act, which would address these concerns and identify how to minimize the effects..

- Acknowledging the TPWD's concerns about the potential for the proposed Jim Bertram Lake 7 to impact a population of threatened Texas horned lizards at the proposed Jim Bertram Lake 7 site. The City of Lubbock has initiated an in-depth environmental impact evaluation for this strategy, and submitted an Environmental Information Document (EID) to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in July 2011. The EID acknowledges the need for a mitigation plan for the Texas horned lizards to compensate for the project's impacts. It is anticipated that additional on-site environmental surveys, will be necessary to develop a mitigation plan, and that the plan will need to be approved by the appropriate federal, state, and/or local authorities before implementation of the strategy can progress.

Ms. Ewing then presented the draft document, "Draft Responses to Public Comments on the Initially Prepared 2016 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan" for consideration.

The comments/responses include:

- **Comments by Dr. Judy Reeves:** She raises a question about a discontinuity between the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) in the LERWPG plan and those of the management plans of three groundwater conservation districts in Region O. She asks the LERWPG to explain how the allowable production rates are consistent with DFCs in the Region O plan.

Mr. Young asked if the audience is allowed to comment at this time or if this is only for comments by LERWPG members. Chairman Brown asked Ms. Ewing to continue.

LERWPG response: It is Region O's opinion that the allowable production rates, in conjunction with other District requirements, are consistent with the goals/requirements of the regional and state water plans.

- **Comments by J. Collier Adams, Jr.:** Mr. Adams' comments refer to the state water planning process, which he believes leads to illegitimate transfer of private property and private wealth to the state, in violation of private property rights.

LERWPG response: The LERWPG cites Senate Bill 1, passed in 1997 by the 75th Texas Legislature, which establishes rules for state water planning. The current regional water planning process is based upon these rules. RWPGs are required to prepare and adopt regional water plans that meet the requirements of Texas Administrative Code (31 TAC). The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group is responsible by state statute to coordinate the water planning process for the 21 county Region O area.

Mr. Young commented about the unfairness of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs). In most years, the adopted DFC will not have an impact upon most landowners. However, in dry years, he believes the DFCs will be very restrictive and will limit a landowner's right to use their private property as they see fit.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Chairman Brown recessed the meeting at 12:28 p.m. for lunch.

RECONVENE MEETING

Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Ms. Ewing continued discussion of the LERWPG responses to public comments. She noted that the final draft responses will be presented for approval at the October 8 meeting.

Mr. Young spoke about the group's response to Mr. Adams' written comments. With regard to privately owned groundwater, he asked the group who benefits from the plan and the pumping restrictions imposed on privately owned land.

Vice-Chairman Spear noted that the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group collects strategies from the cities and water user groups for presentation to the TWDB. None of the regional water planning groups in Texas have rulemaking authority. The RWPGs do not impose pumping restrictions.

Mr. Young asked again who benefits from the regional water planning.

As a farmer, Mr. Ellison said he believes the beneficiaries are his children and grandchildren. He has served as a member of the LERWPG for many years as a representative of agriculture. He is working to develop a plan that will allow him (and other farmers) to remain in irrigated agriculture as long as it is economically feasible to irrigate crops. Mr. Ellison noted that the State of Texas has implemented guidelines, such as desired future conditions, to provide a framework for groundwater conservation districts to have local management of the resource.

Mr. Young said "the plans coming down to the water districts that are causing restrictions to be put on landowners that will harm some landowners, and others will not be harmed, that is patently unfair, and you guys, in all your planning, are not allowing for that. You are not talking about that."

As one of two persons representing the public as a member of Region O, Dr. Barnes said she is working to keep irrigated agriculture viable. For every person involved in agriculture on the Texas High Plains, there are seven jobs in the city related to agriculture, and she feels that it is important to communicate this to the public. This is

why the members of the LERWPG are working to create a water plan upon which sound rules and regulations are based—rather than some arbitrary pumping restriction made by someone in Austin.

Chairman Brown then asked the members and the audience to return to the agenda items.

Ms. Ewing presented a summary of the requests from the consultants for approval at today's meeting.

They are:

- Reallocated water supplies and updated water management strategy list (Handouts 1, 2, and 3). This was directed by the TWDB.
- Impact Matrix for Strategy Evaluations (Handout Number 4). This was directed by the TWDB.
- Designation of some water management strategies as no longer potentially feasible.
- Approval of the LERWPG's response to public comments. Mr. Young's comments will be included as a separate item.

There being no additional discussion, a motion to approve the information presented in Handouts 1-7 with suggested revisions was made by Mr. Kirkpatrick and seconded by Mr. Taylor. All members voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Discuss And Consider Authorizing The Consultants To Incorporate The Planning Group's Responses to Public Comments into the Final Version Of the 2016 Regional Water Plan.

No action was taken on this agenda item as there are several revisions to be made to the final document. This will be revisited at the October 8, 2015 regular meeting.

The consultants will discuss progress on the 2011 implementation survey as well as the 2016 infrastructure financing survey at the October 8 meeting. In addition, they will review significant changes made to Chapter 5 of the 2016 regional water plan. The final draft will not be ready in time for the meeting—but an update will be provided.

A comparison of the differences between the 2011 and 2016 plans will also be discussed at the October meeting.

Ms. Ewing suggested that the Water Management Strategies Prioritization subcommittee meet in late October. The group will review prioritization of the

strategies as they did for the 2011 plan. The prioritization of the strategies in the 2016 plan is a separate deliverable product that is also due to the TWDB by December 1, 2015. Vice-Chairman Spear will again serve as committee chairman.

An early November meeting is recommended to adopt the final 2016 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan, in order to submit it in advance of the December 1, 2015 deadline. Ms. Ewing said it is their hope to have all work completed and the plan submitted prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Chairman Brown thanked Ms. Ewing and Ms. Salvias for their work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

14. Receive A Report From The TWDB Project Manager.

Tom Barnett is at today's meeting for Sarah Backhouse, who is on vacation. He told the group that Bech Bruun is the new TWDB Chairman, following the retirement of Carlos Rubinstein. Mr. Rubinstein's position is still vacant at this time. Kathleen Jackson is the other TWDB Board Member.

The TWDB met on September 9 to outline the schedule for the next round of State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) funding. Abridged applications will be due in early February. There was one clarification in that the next round of SWIFT funding will be based on the 2016 regional water plans.

The TWDB will meet September 22 to reconsider the boundaries for regional water planning areas as required every five years by statute. Public comments will be accepted through September 22 if anyone would like to offer suggestions on how the regional water planning groups should be delineated.

He said the consultants have been busy entering data into the state water planning data base and they have been in touch with them regarding the process.

15. Receive A Report from the Region O Technical Consultant.

Vice-Chairman Spear called for a report from the Region O Technical Consultant. Ms. Ewing had no additional information to report at this time.

16. Receive A Report from the Region O Administrator.

Vice-Chairman Spear called for a report from the Region O Administrator. No report was given. Mr. Coleman and Mr. McCain left the meeting during the lunch recess to participate in a previously-scheduled webinar.

17. Receive A Report from the GMA # 2 and GMA # 6 Representatives.

Vice-Chairman Spear called for a report from the GMA # 2 and GMA # 6 representatives.

GMA # 2: Ronnie Hopper said he had nothing to report. However, he did mention that a South Plains regional water symposium is planned for March 22 in Lubbock. A similar symposium was held in Amarillo in 2012 and 2014.

GMA # 6: Jack Campsey reported that GMA # 6 met August 21 in Munday. All four water districts were present. Lynn Smith will be the new GMA #6 representative for Region A, replacing Amy Crowell of Mesquite GCD. The boundary adjustment between GMA # 2 and GMA # 6 was approved at the August 26 TWDB meeting. He asked Ray Brady to explain the change to the group.

Mr. Brady said the boundaries followed the Floyd/Motley County line north to south. The part of Floyd County below the Caprock Escarpment is now in GMA # 6. The part of Briscoe County below the Caprock has also been moved from GMA # 2 to GMA #6.

Mr. Campsey also added that the last GMA # 6 meeting included discussion of socioeconomic factors as well as discussion concerning Regions A, B, C, G, and O. The next GMA # 6 meeting is set for October 23.

18. Receive reports from liaisons to other regional water planning groups.

Chairman Brown called for a report from the liaisons to other regional water planning groups.

Region A: Kent Satterwhite had nothing to report at this time.

Region B: Jack Campsey said Region B meets October 21.

Region F: Harvey Everheart said Region F meets September 17.

Region G: Michael McClendon had nothing to report at this time.

19. Receive Public Input & Comments To The Regional Water Planning Group.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group did not receive public input or comments at this point in the meeting.

20. Consider Other Business And Announcements.

Chairman Brown asked the group if there were any additional business or announcements. There was none.

21. Consider A Date And Agenda Items For The Next Regular Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group will be at 10:00 a.m., October 8, 2015 at the HPWD office.

22. Adjournment.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Mr. Young asked if the LERWPG will receive public comments today. Chairman Brown said that portion of the agenda was covered when Mr. Young had the extended dialogue with Dr. Barnes, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Satterwhite, and Vice-Chairman Spear earlier in the meeting. Mr. Young questioned Chairman Brown's action. Mr. Young said there is supposed to be a public comment period following the committee reports as shown on today's agenda. Chairman Brown reiterated that the meeting was adjourned. He thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Young said "I would like that put in the record. There was no comment period at the end of the meeting like was (shown) on the agenda."

The above conveys my understanding of the issues discussed and conclusions reached. I assume this understanding is correct until notice to the contrary is received.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ H.P. Brown Jr.

Chairman H.P. Brown Jr. for Doug Hutcheson, Secretary-Treasurer
Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group

These minutes were approved at the October 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group.