

**MINUTES OF THE  
LLANO ESTACADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (“Region 0”)  
Thursday, August 12, 2010**

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**1. Call To Order And Welcome By Chairman H.P. Brown Jr.**

Chairman H.P. Brown Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 in advance to each member and was also filed/posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at the following locations: *Office of the Texas Secretary of State; Lubbock County Courthouse, Administrative Offices of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the regional water planning group web site at [www.llanoplan.org](http://www.llanoplan.org) and the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com)*

**2. Roll Call Of Members To Establish Quorum**

**The following Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group members were in attendance:** Dr. Melanie Barnes, Delaine Baucum, Bruce Blalack, H. P. Brown Jr., Jim Conkwright, Delmon Ellison Jr., Harvey Everheart, Doug Hutcheson, Mark Kirkpatrick, Richard Leonard, Michael McClendon, Don McElroy, Gene Montgomery, Dr. Ken Rainwater, Kent Satterwhite, Jim Steiert, and John Taylor.

**Unable to attend:** (*Excused Absence*): Judge Alan Bayer, Bill Harbin, and Bob Josserand.

**Absent members** (*Non-excused Absence*): None.

**Non-voting members in attendance:** John Clayton, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Dr. Herb Grubb, HDR Engineering Inc., Temple McKinnon for Angela Kennedy, Texas Water Development Board, Mark Bills for Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Malcolm Laing, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Absent non-voting members:** None.

**A quorum of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group members was present.** There were 17 of 20 voting members present, or 85 percent attendance.

**Others in Attendance:** Jason Coleman with South Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Mike McGregor, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Dr. Judy Reeves with Cirrus Associates in Grapevine, & Bruce Rigler, Precinct 5 District Director for the High Plains Water District. (*This list was derived from a sign-in sheet provided at the back of meeting room.*)

Kathryn CdeBaca of the High Plains Water District staff was present to record the minutes.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **3. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Approval Of The Minutes Of The February 18, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

The minutes of the February 18, 2010 LERWPG meeting were provided to members by e-mail and / or hard copy for review prior to this meeting. There being no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Jim Conkwright and seconded by Michael McClendon to approve the meeting minutes as printed. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **4. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Approval Of The Minutes Of The April 15, 2010 Public Hearing.**

The minutes of the April 15, 2010 LERWPG public hearing were provided to members by e-mail and / or hard copy for review prior to this meeting. There being no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Don McElroy and seconded by H. P. Brown Jr. to approve the public hearing minutes as printed. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **5. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Approval Of The Financial Statement.**

Secretary-Treasurer Doug Hutcheson reported a balance of \$98,320.77 as of July 31, 2010. A motion to accept the financial statement as printed was made by Delmon Ellison Jr. and seconded by Harvey Everheart. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **6. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Accepting The Resignation Of Dr. Don Ethridge, Who Represents Agriculture.**

Dr. Don Ethridge submitted a letter of resignation to the LERWPG on Feb. 26, 2010. He has retired from the faculty of the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. A motion to accept Dr. Ethridge's resignation was made by Dr. Ken Rainwater and seconded by Dr. Melanie Barnes. **The motion was unanimously approved.** A letter will be sent to Dr. Ethridge thanking him for his service as a member of the LERWPG.

#### **7. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Appointing Aubrey A. Spear, P.E. To Serve As A Member Of The LERWPG Representing Large Municipalities.**

A nomination packet for Aubrey Spear was forwarded to the membership for review prior to today's meeting. A motion to appoint Mr. Spear to the LERWPG as one of the large municipality representatives was made by Kent Satterwhite and seconded by Doug Hutcheson. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Mr. Spear then joined the rest of the LERWPG members at the table.

**8. The LERWPG Will Appoint An Officer Nominating Committee For 2011.**

Chairman Brown appointed an officer nominating committee consisting of Chairman Bob Josserand, Bill Harbin, and Michael McClendon. The committee will present a proposed slate of officers at the first meeting in 2011.

**9. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Responses To Public Comments Received Regarding The Initially-Prepared 2011 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan.**

Technical Consultant Dr. Herb Grubb of HDR Engineering presented a draft of proposed responses to TWDB and Public Comments on the Initially Prepared 2011 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan. With minor modifications to wording, the LERWPG approved the responses and directed that they be included as Sub-Sections 10.6 and 10.7 of the Final Plan.

**10. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Adopting The Final Version Of The 2011 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan.**

A motion to adopt the final version of the 2011 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan was made by Jim Steiert and seconded by Jim Conkwright. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**11. The LERWPG Will Discuss And Consider Authorizing The LERWPG Administrator And Technical Consultant To Forward The Completed 2011 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan To The Texas Water Development Board By The September 1, 2010 Deadline As Set By Statute.**

A motion to authorize the LERWPG Administrator (High Plains UWCD # 1) and Technical Consultant (HDR Engineering, Inc.) to forward the completed 2011 Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan to the TWDB by the Sept. 1, 2010 deadline was made by Kent Satterwhite and seconded by Mike McClendon. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

**12. The LERWPG Will Receive An Update On The Groundwater Management Area Representatives' Efforts To Set Desired Future Conditions (DFC's) For Aquifers In Their Area. (Jim Conkwright For GMA # 1 And Jason Coleman For GMA #2).**

Mr. Conkwright and Mr. Coleman gave a brief status report on the desired future conditions process. The groundwater conservation districts in GMA # 1 and GMA # 2 will submit their approved desired future condition to the Texas Water Development Board by the Sept. 1, 2010 statutory deadline. Later, the TWDB will return a managed available groundwater (MAG) number back to the districts, so that they may revise their management plans and rules to achieve the desired future condition.

**13. The LERWPG Will Receive An Update Regarding Joint Planning Efforts Between Regions A & O. (Kyle Ingham, PRPC).**

Mr. Ingham was absent and no report was given.

**14. The LERWPG Will Receive An Update On Activities Of The Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council (Gene Montgomery).**

Mr. Montgomery gave a brief update of the Texas Water Conservation Council activities since the previous LERWPG meeting.

**15. The LERWPG will hear a report from LERWPG Project Manager (Temple McKinnon for Angela Kennedy with the TWDB).**

Ms. McKinnon explained the process for regional water management plan review through the rest of 2010. Ms. Kennedy is expected back from leave on September 1, 2010. The TWDB will notify each of the regional water planning groups when their respective plan is up for agency review.

**16. The LERWPG Will Receive An Update From The Technical Consultant (Dr. Herb Grubb With HDR Engineering, Inc.).**

Dr. Grubb did not have any additional information. Most had been covered earlier under Agenda Item # 9.

**17. The LERWPG Will Hear A Report From The LERPWG Administrator (Jim Conkwright, High Plains Water District).**

Mr. Conkwright told the group that the LERWPG administrator (High Plains Water District) will meet all remaining deadlines for submission of the 2011 regional water plan. He also gave a brief report on the deadlines/procedures associated with the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of regional water planning.

**18. The LERWPG Will Hear Reports From Its Liaisons To Other Regional Water Planning Groups:**

**Region A: (Kent Satterwhite)**

Mr. Satterwhite reported that Lake Meredith was losing from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch of water per day due to evaporation/usage.

**Region B: (Angela Kennedy)**

Ms. McKinnon reported that the next meeting is Aug. 25, 2010.

**Region F: (Harvey Everheart)**

Ms. McKinnon reported that Region F will meet again in October. They have a 3-month extension on their plan's delivery.

**Region G: (Michael McClendon)**  
No report given.

**19. Other Business**

**a. Public Input and Comments To The Planning Group.**

No comments were received.

**b. Other Business/Announcements**

There was brief discussion dealing with preference of counties to receive a hard copy of the final plan or an electronic version on CD. The final plan needs to be distributed to each county no later than early January 2011.

**20. Adjourn**

There being no other business, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Doug Hutcheson  
Secretary-Treasurer

These minutes were approved by the LERWPG membership at their March 10, 2011 regular meeting.