

**MINUTES OF THE
LLANO ESTACADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN H.P. BROWN, JR.

Chairman H.P. Brown, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 and the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District web site at www.hpwd.com.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The following Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Members were in attendance:

H.P. Brown, Jr., Chairman, Jim Conkwright, Vice Chairman, Bruce Blalack, Aubrey Spear, Harvey Everheart, Richard Leonard, Delmon Ellison, Jr., Mark Kirkpatrick, Michael McClendon, Don McElroy, Kent Satterwhite, Bob Josserand, Bill Harbin, and Jim Steiert.

Unable to Attend (Excused Absence): Doug Hutcheson, Dr. Melanie Barnes, Dr. Ken Rainwater, Gene Montgomery, Alan Bayer, John Taylor and Delaine Baucum.

Absent Members (Non-Excused Absence): NONE

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: John Clayton, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Angela Kennedy, Texas Water Development Board, Malcolm Laing, TCEQ, Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Absent Non-Voting Members: NONE

A Quorum of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group was Present.

(14 of 21 present or 66%)

Others in Attendance: Stefan Schuster, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBSA); Zane Edwards, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper; Dr. Justin Weinheimer, Texas Tech University; Rick Brown, Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM); Neil Blandford, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBSA); Steve Stevens; Ross Wilson; Jason Coleman, GMA 2; Dan Buhman, CDM; John Kelley, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper; Dr. Phillip Johnson, Texas Tech University; Marsh Lavenne and Bill Mullican, CDM.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. The LERWPG Will Discuss and Consider Approval of the Minutes of the August 12, 2010 Regular Meeting.

The August 12, 2010 minutes were reviewed as earlier provided. There being no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Mark Kirkpatrick and seconded by Kent Satterwhite to approve the minutes as printed. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

4. The LERWPG Will Discuss and Consider Approval of the Financial Report.

Jim Conkwright presented the financial statement in the absence of Doug Hutcheson, Secretary/Treasurer, and explained the third round of regional water planning was complete. The remaining funds were returned to TWDB and \$20.00 was deposited in the account to hold the account open in anticipation of the fourth round of funding. A motion was made by Jim Conkwright to approve the financial report and seconded by Delmon Ellison Jr. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

5. The LERWPG Will Receive a Report from the Nominating Committee.

At this time, Mr. Brown and Mr. Conkwright excused themselves from the board room. Bob Josserand was recognized to present the nomination committee recommendation of officers. Mr. Josserand submitted the recommendation that H.P. "Bo" Brown, Jr. serve as Chairman, Jim Conkwright serve as Vice Chairman, and Doug Hutcheson serve as Secretary/Treasurer of LERWPG. Mr. Josserand communicated that this was the nominating committee's recommended officers for 2011.

Delmon Ellison, Jr. moved approval and acceptance of the nominating committee's report and it was seconded by Kent Satterwhite. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

6. The LERWPG Will Discuss and Take Possible Action Regarding Election of LERWPG Officers for 2011.

Mr. Josserand requested discussion regarding the nominating committee's report and recommendation. There being no discussion, Mr. Josserand moved approval of the nominating committee's recommendation, and Mr. Steiert seconded the motion. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

Mr. Brown and Mr. Conkwright were invited back to the meeting.

7. The LERWPG Will Discuss and Take Possible Action on Recommendation(s) of the "Selection Committee" Regarding a Subcontractor to Prepare the Region O Water Plan for 2016 Including, But Not Limited to, Verbal and Formal Presentations from Firms Being Considered.

Mr. Brown called agenda item #7, the selection of a subcontractor to prepare and coordinate the fourth (4th) cycle of regional water planning for Region O. Mr. Conkwright

explained and discussed the RFQ process, as well as the existing relationships that High Plains UWCD has with both the finalists being Daniel B. Stephens & Associates and CDM.

Ballots and evaluation sheets were distributed to each LERWPG member, Daniel B. Stephens and CDM were allocated one (1) hour each for their respective presentations. After the presentations, the evaluations were collected with 10 members voting for Daniel B. Stephens & Associates and 4 members voting for CDM. **Chairman Brown declared Daniel B. Stephens & Associates the selected subcontractor for the next round of regional water planning for Region O.**

8. **The LERWPG Will Discuss and Take Possible Action to Authorize HPUWCD to Provide Public Notice and Submit a Grant Application to TWDB on Behalf of Region O for Funding the Fourth (4th) Round of Regional Water Planning.**

Don McElroy moved approval authorizing High Plains UWCD to provide public notice and submit a grant application to TWDB on behalf of Region O for funding the fourth (4th) round of regional water planning. Motion was seconded by Bill Harbin. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

9. **The LERWPG Will Discuss and Take Possible Action to Authorize HPUWCD to Provide Public Notice and Hold a Public Meeting to Take Input on Issues That Should be Addressed or Provisions that Should be Included in the Regional Water Plan for the Fourth (4th) Cycle of Regional Water Planning.**

Mr. Josserand moved approval authorizing the necessary and appropriate public notices for a public meeting to be held June 16, 2011 related to the grant. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

10. **The LERWPG Will Receive an Update on GMA Representatives' Efforts Regarding Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for Aquifers in Their Area.**

(Jim Conkwright for GMA #1 and Jason Coleman for GMA #2.) Jim Conkwright presented the time table and summary for High Plains UWCD proposed rules to comply with the "Desired Future Conditions" for GMA 1 and GMA 2 areas that are included and contained in the High Plains UWCD. Hearings are scheduled for March 23-25, 2011 in five (5) locations in the High Plains UWCD area.

Jason Coleman was called upon to update the status of the other areas in GMA 2. Mr. Coleman explained and presented the "Economic Assessment of Proposed Ground Water Management Strategies for GMA 2" currently being conducted by Texas Tech University Office of Research. This study is a joint effort by all the districts in GMA 2 to project socioeconomic impacts of the DFC and rules necessary to comply.

11. **The LERWPG Will Receive an Update Regarding Joint Planning Efforts Between Regions A & O. (Kyle Ingham) No report was given.**

12. **TWCA Council Report from Gene Montgomery. No report was given.**
13. **The LERWPG Will Receive a Report from the LERWPG Administrator (Jim Conkwright)**

Mr. Conkwright introduced Mike McGregor as the Region O liaison and High Plains UWCD staff member responsible for the LERWPG administrative support. Mr. McGregor will be replacing Carmon McCain in the liaison role due to his additional responsibilities and reorganization.

14. **The LERWPG Will Receive Reports from Liaisons:**

Region A – Kent Satterwhite

Region A is just starting the RFQ process and grant application request.

Region B & TWDB – Angela Kennedy

Angela Kennedy indicated that there are two (2) new TWDB members.

Region F – Harvey Everheart

The City of San Angelo is the new interim administrator for Region F replacing Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Region G – Michael McClendon

HDR has been selected as the subcontractor for Region G.


15. **Other Business**

Public Input and Comments: NONE

Other Announcements/Business: Next Meeting is June 16, 2011

16. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 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,



H.P. "Bo" Brown, Jr., Chairman



Doug Hutcheson, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved 6/16/11 at LERWPG Meeting