

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2017

LERWPG Voting Membership as of August 22, 2017:

Executive Committee: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Doug Hutcheson (Secretary-Treasurer)

Name	Term	TWDB Designation (Interest Category)
1. Dr. Melanie Barnes	2019	Public
2. Jack Campsey	2017	Groundwater Management Areas (#6)
3. Jason Coleman, PE	2018	Water Districts
4. Harry DeWit	2021	Agricultural
5. Delmon Ellison Jr.	2019	Agricultural
6. Harvey Everheart	2017	Municipal Water Supply Districts
7. Andrew Freeman	2021	Municipalities (medium)
8. Chris Grotegut	2021	Agricultural
9. Ronnie Hopper	2017	Groundwater Management Areas (#2)
10. Doug Hutcheson	2019	Water Utilities
11. Shane Jones	2021	Water Utilities
12. Mark Kirkpatrick	2017	Agricultural
13. Don McElroy	2017	Small Business
14. Shane McMinn, PE	2019	Electric Generating Utilities
15. Charles (Charlie) Morris	2017	Counties
16. Dr. Ken Rainwater	2017	Public
17. Jeff Sammon	2017	River Authorities
18. Kent Satterwhite	2017	Water Utilities
19. Tom Simons	2019	Municipalities (medium)
20. Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2019	Municipalities (large)
21. Jim Steiert	2017	Environmental
22. John Taylor	2019	Municipalities (small)
23. Jimmy Wedel	2019	Agricultural
24. Benjamin (Ben) Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2017	Agricultural
25. Vacant	2017	Industries (<i>previously Oil and Gas</i>)

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Sarah Backhouse	N/A	TWDB
John Clayton	N/A	TPWD
Jason Lindeman	N/A	TCEQ
Matt Williams	N/A	TDA

LERWPG Consultant

Paula Jo Lemonds, PG, PE	N/A	HDR, Inc
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (Region O) met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2017. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 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): Dr. Melanie Barnes, Mr. Jack Campsey, Mr. Andrew Freeman (resigned April 2017), Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick, Mr. Tom Simons, Mr. Jimmy Wedel, and Mr. Ben Weinheimer, Sr.

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: John Clayton (TPWD), and Jason Lindeman (TCEQ).

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Belinda Solis (SPAG), Jerry Millsaps (TWDB-Lubbock), Tyron Rainwater (City of Lubbock), Amber Blount (Sandy Land UWCD), Ricky Caballero (City of Levelland), Ray Brady (GMA #6), Tommy O'Brien (Region G), Carmon McCain (HPWD), Lou Barnes (LEUWCD), Michael Laing (City of Lubbock), Victoria Whitehead (HPWD), Greg Stanton (USGS), Joey Hardin (RAW Oil & Gas), Lindy Harris (SPUWCD), Jeffrey Snyder (City of Plainview) and Josh Winegarner (TCFA).

3. Remarks by Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board

Director Jackson presented recent updates and actions taken by the TWDB:

- TWDB Bonds (over a billion dollars)
- TWDB approved State Fiscal Year 2018 Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans
- SWIFT Funding
- Other Financial Assistance Programs
- Regional Financial Assistance Workshops (September 12, 2017 -10 a.m. in Plainview, TX)

Director Jackson thanked the planning group for the work they do in the planning process and urged the planning group to communicate with the TWDB.

4. Consider approval of October 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Delmon Ellison made a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Harry DeWit seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Doug Hutcheson reported year-to-date total expenditures of \$13,850.78 with a remaining balance of \$733,067.00 over the next five (5) years of the planning cycle.

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to approve the financial report with Mr. Charlie Morris seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

6. Consider acceptance of the Resignation of Mr. Harvey Everheart representing Municipal Water Supply Water Districts

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Harvey Everheart with Mr. Jim Steiert seconding the motion. The motion carried with 23-1 in favor of accepting the resignation of Mr. Harvey Everheart.

7. Consider Resolution formally recognizing Mr. Harvey Everheart for 15 years of service on the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group

Mr. Kent Satterwhite made a motion to approve the Resolution formally recognizing Mr. Harvey Everheart for his 15 years of service to the planning group with Mr. Don McElroy seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Consider the reappointments of members to the LERWPG for the Term of 2017-2022. The members being considered for appointment are:

- Charles (Charlie) Morris, Counties
- Ben Weinheimer Sr., PE, Agricultural
- Don McElroy, Small Business
- Dr. Ken Rainwater, Public
- Jack Campsey, GMA #6
- Jeff Sammon, River Authorities
- Jim Steiert, Environmental
- Kent Satterwhite, Municipal Water Supply Districts
- Mark Kirkpatrick, Agricultural
- Ronnie Hopper, GMA #2

Mr. Delmon Ellison made a motion to approve the reappointments as submitted with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

9. Consider acceptance of the Resignation of Mr. Andrew Freeman representing Municipalities (medium sized)

Mr. Jason Coleman made a motion to accept the Resignation of Mr. Andrew Freeman with Mr. Harry DeWit seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

10. Consider appointments to the LERWPG

- Mr. Joey Hardin to fill vacated 'Industries' category
- Mr. Jeffrey Snyder to fill vacated 'Municipalities' (medium sized) category

Mr. Charlie Morris made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Joey Hardin to fill the vacated 'Industries' category with Mr. Ronnie Hopper seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Kent Satterwhite made a motion to approved the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Snyder to fill the vacated 'Municipalities' (medium sized) category with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

11. Consider designation of Tommy O'Brien as Region G Liaison to Region O

Mr. Jim Steiert made a motion to approve the designation of Tommy O'Brien as Region G liaison to Region O, with Mr. Charlie Morris seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

12. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding utilizing optional sub-WUG planning for the 5th Cycle

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to not utilize optional sub-WUG planning for the 5th cycle with Dr. Chris Grotegut seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

13. Presentations and report from TWDB Project Manager (Sarah Backhouse)

- Regional Water Planning in Texas: Introduction to the 5th Cycle
- Update on Revised 31 Texas Administrative Rules Chapter 357

Region O has recently added several new members to the planning group, therefore Ms. Backhouse presented an overview of regional water groups, fundamentals of water planning and an overview of the foundation of the State Water Plan.

Ms. Backhouse also presented an in-depth overview of recent updates on Revised 31 Texas Administrative Rules Chapter 357 and provided handouts for each presentation.

14. Presentation and Discussion from Technical Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR Inc.)

- Population projections
- Gallons per capita per day (GPCD) use
- Municipal demands
- Non-municipal demands
- Option to utilize sub-WUGS

Ms. Lemonds presented an in-depth overview of the Draft Non-Municipal Water Demand Projections and Draft Municipal WUG Demand Projections for 2021 Region O Plan.

Ms. Lemonds recommended the planning group investigate the following 2021 draft projections listed below:

- Irrigation decrease
- Livestock increases in Parmer and Castro Counties
- Steam-Electric changes in Lamb, Yoakum, and Lubbock Counties
- Manufacturing increase in Hale County and decrease in Deaf Smith County

The revisions are due to TWDB by January 12, 2016 although regions and their consultants are strongly encouraged to communicate with the TWDB staff and submit change requests and supporting documents earlier to allow time for evaluation.

15. Receive a report from the Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

Mrs. Davila reported the invoices for FY18 Region O - 5th Cycle of Regional Water Planning will be mailed out in early October to all the cities, counties and other entities in Region O.

Mrs. Davila also reported she is looking into developing ways that SPAG can assist with the outreach to the smaller communities to help them understand the process. Ms. Davila reminded the planning group about the upcoming Industry hosted meeting to be held on August 30th at

TCFA Offices in Amarillo to discuss baseline livestock populations by county, decadal projections to 2070, and water use per head. Those who plan to attend should RSVP to Ben Weinheimer.

16. Receive a report from Groundwater Area Management Area Representatives

GMA #2: Mr. Ronnie Hopper – no report for GMA #2

GMA #6: Mr. Jack Campsey – no report for GMA #6

17. Receive a report from other Liaisons to other Regional Water Planning Groups

Region A: Mr. Kent Satterwhite reported he missed the meeting but the group did take a look at the Agricultural projections and the funding formula. Sarah Backhouse reported she was in attendance and gave a presentation on the State Water Plan to the group and their Consultant presented the draft projections.

Region B: No report for Region B.

Region F: No report for Region F.

Region G: Mr. Tommy O'Brien reported they are tracking the same as other regions regarding the demand projections. They had some concerns regarding the steam-electric data based on the historical data.

18. Public Comments and Input to the Regional Water Planning Group

Chairman Aubrey A. Spear opened the floor to receive public input and comments. Mr. Ronnie Hopper announced a 'no -till field day' at his farm will take place on August 31 – September 1. Mr. Hopper requested those planning to attend to please RSVP as there is limited seating in his barn.

19. Date and Agenda items for next LERWPG regular meeting

The optional meeting dates for the next LERWPG regular meeting are November 1st, 7th, 8th, 9th or 15th. Chairman Spear will poll the executive committee to select the meeting date, once confirmed the meeting date will be communicated to the planning group.

20. Other Business and Announcements

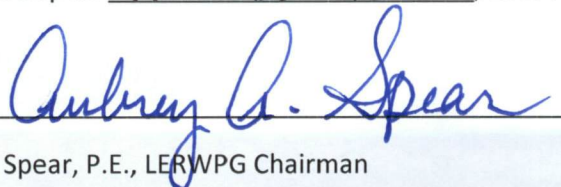
There was no other business to discuss or announcements.

21. Adjourn

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Don McElroy seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. Belinda Solis of the South Plains Association of Governments served as recording secretary for the meeting.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on November 15, 2017.

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