

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018

LERWPG Voting Membership as of April 3, 2018:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>TWDB Designation (Interest Category)</u>
1. Dr. Melanie Barnes	2019	Public
2. Jack Campsey	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#6)
3. Jason Coleman, PE	2018	Water Districts
4. Harry DeWit	2021	Agricultural
5. Delmon Ellison Jr.	2019	Agricultural
6. Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM	2021	Agricultural
7. Joey Hardin	2022	Industries
8. Ronnie Hopper	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#2)
9. Doug Hutcheson	2019	Water Utilities
10. Nathaniel (Shane) Jones	2021	Water Utilities
11. Mark Kirkpatrick	2022	Agricultural
12. Don McElroy	2022	Small Business
13. Shane McMinn, PE	2019	Electric Generating Utilities
14. Charlie Morris	2022	Counties
15. Dr. Ken Rainwater	2022	Public
16. Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
17. Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
18. Tom Simons	2019	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
19. Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
20. Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2019	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
21. Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
22. John Taylor	2019	Municipalities (small) less than 10,000
23. Jimmy Wedel	2019	Agricultural
24. Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
25. Vacant	2017	(previously Municipal WSD)

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Tom Barnett	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 Tuesday, April 3, 2018. 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 15 of 24 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Mr. Harry DeWit, Mr. Shane Jones, Mr. Don McElroy, Mr. Jim Steiert, and Mr. Ben Weinheimer, Sr.

The following voting members were not in attendance (unexcused absence): Mr. Tom Simons and Mr. John Taylor.

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: Mr. Tommy O'Brien (Region G Liaison) and Mr. Rusty Ray (TSSWCB).

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Belinda Solis (SPAG), Amber Blount (Sandy Land UWCD), Ray Brady (GMA #6), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPUWCD), Jacob Hernandez (Mesa UWCD), Dan Seale (HPWD), Carrie Dodson (Gateway Groundwater) and Jack Foote (TSSWCB).

3. Introductions

Chairman Spear asked each guest in the audience to introduce themselves. Chairman Spear introduced Tom Barnett with the TWDB who replaced Sarah Backhouse as the Project Manager for Region O.

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consider approval of January 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the minutes with Dr. Chris Grotegut

seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

2. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report (Doug Hutcheson, Secretary-Treasurer)

Secretary-Treasurer Doug Hutcheson reported year-to-date total expenditures of \$76,016.73 and \$79,719.78 has been requested in the form of an advance from TWDB.

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

3. Report from LERWPG Nominating Committee for FY 2018 Slate of Officers (Dr. Ken Rainwater)

Dr. Ken Rainwater provided the group with the Nominating Committee recommendation . The committee recommended that the group consider re-electing the standing slate of officers to the same positions for FY 2018: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Doug Hutcheson (Secretary-Treasurer).

4. Election of FY 2018 LERWPG Officers

Dr. Rainwater asked for a motion to re-elect the standing slate of officer to serve as the FY 2018 Slate of Officers for the LERWPG: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Doug Hutcheson (Secretary-Treasurer).

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve the motion as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Mr. Ronnie Hopper seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. Report from Groundwater Subcommittee Regarding Implementation of MAG Peak Factors for 2021 LERWP (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR, Jason Coleman, Dr. Ken Rainwater, and Dr. Chris Grotegut)

Dr. Ken Rainwater reported on the Groundwater Subcommittee recommendations. The Subcommittee recommended that Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) Peak Factors not be utilized in the 2021 LERWP.

6. Discussion and appropriate action for the optional use of Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) Peak Factors in the 2021 LERWP (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR)

Chairman Spear asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of the Groundwater Subcommittee to not utilize MAG Peak Factors in the 2021 LERWP. Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made the motion and Mr. Delmon Ellison seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

7. Discuss and Review Current Bylaws and Determine Best Approach to Amending Bylaws

Chairman Spear commented that Ms. Davila sought legal advice regarding Open Meetings requirements related to Region O meetings and subcommittees. The law firm advised the LERWPG to appoint 'Advisory' only subcommittees because they are not subject to the same statutes as regular subcommittees. Chairman Spear recommended the Planning Group appoint an 'Advisory' only subcommittee to review and update the Bylaws and have them bring the advice of the group before the Planning Group for consideration by the end of this year. Dr. Melanie Barnes, Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick and Mr. Jason Coleman volunteered to serve on the Bylaws Advisory Subcommittee and SPAG will coordinate the meeting.

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

No action taken on this agenda item.

9. Designate a Region O Voting Member as Liaison to Region G

Chairman Spear asked for a volunteer to serve as the Liaison to Region G. Mr. Jeff Sammon volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Chairman Spear asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Sammon as the Region O Voting Member Liaison to Region G. Mr. Delmon Ellison made the motion and Dr. Melanie Barnes seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS

10. Update on TWDB Rules Revisions (Tom Barnett, TWDB)

Mr. Barnett presented an update on Revised Texas Administrative Code Rules, Chapters 355 & 357. The TWDB adopted the rules on March 21, 2018. The rules will become effective after receipt by the Texas Register.

11. Discussion on Hydrologic Variance Request Memo Submitted to TWDB (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR)

Ms. Lemonds gave an overview of the process for submitting the Hydrologic Variance Request Memo to the TWDB. The requests must be submitted in writing to the EA for review and approval. The next step in this process will be working with TWDB and gaining their approval for the six variance requests as submitted by Region O.

12. Report from HDR Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Lemonds presented an updated schedule that included key dates for the 2021 Planning Cycle, deadline for the Technical Memo for 2021 RWP, and miscellaneous

project funding information from TWDB.

13. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Tom Barnett)

Mr. Barnett reported the TWDB will consider approval of the revised Municipal and Non-Municipal WUG projections submitted by Region O at the April 16th board meeting. Mr. Barnett stated the TWDB would appreciate input from the stakeholders regarding the Statewide Flood Assessment. Mr. Barnett also reported the TWDB is holding regional workshops around the state. A State Flood Assessment workshop will be held in Lubbock on April 5th at Texas Tech University Innovation Hub at Research Park. The TWDB plans to have the initial State Flood Assessment report by December.

14. Report from Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

Mrs. Davila reported she reached out to Underwood Law Firm for legal advice on Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act in regards to Region O committees and subcommittees. The law firm advised the Planning Group not to hold actual meetings via telephone however video conferencing could be an option. SPAG will still continue to post all the official notices, create the agenda and the normal meeting duties however they advised the Planning Group make all subcommittees 'Advisory' only and list them as such in the Bylaws. Mrs. Davila also reported SPAG has done some research on other water planning group's Bylaws to see how they match up with the Bylaws of the LERWPG. Mrs. Davila will send an email notification to those who volunteered to serve on the advisory bylaws subcommittee to coordinate a meeting date.

15. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – No news to report.

B. GMA #6 (Jack Campsey) – Mr. Campsey stated GMA #6 has not met since the last Region O meeting. Mr. Campsey also reported Region B met in February. He was assigned to serve on a subcommittee and they had some discussion on the use of the MAG Peak Factors. Mr. Campsey announced his resignation from GMA #6 due to health reasons. He introduced Ms. Carrie Dodson who will replace him on Region O once she is appointed by GMA #6/Region B at their next meeting. Mr. Campsey stated he has served 10 years in regional water planning. Chairman Spear thanked Mr. Campsey for his many years of service to the Planning Group.

16. Report from other Liaisons to other Regional Water Planning Groups

A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – Met on March 23rd and reviewed existing water supplies, and they also discussed methodology to identify potentially feasible water management strategies. The next Region A meeting will be held on August

15th.

B. Region B (Jack Campsey) – Nothing to report.

C. Region F (Vacant) – No report.

D. Region G (Tommy O'Brien) – Mr. Jeff Sammon reported at the Groundwater Subcommittee meeting they had more discussions on the MAG Peak Factors. The next meeting Region G meeting will be held on May 7th.

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

Chairman Spear opened the floor to receive public input and comments. There were no public comments received.

18. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the end of July or early August. Mrs. Davila will poll the committee members via a Doodle Poll to determine what date works for everyone.

19. Consider Other Business and Announcements

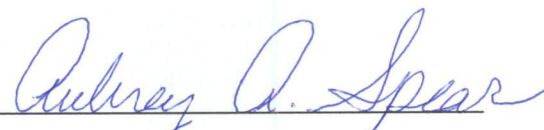
Mr. Jason Lindeman announced he attended the Ogallala Commons Playa Restoration Field Day at Reese Center on March 27th. Mr. Lindeman asked if the group had ever reached out to Ogallala Commons and was told that Jim Steiert was part of that organization.

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on August 8, 2018.

Attest:



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