

LLANO ESTACADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (LERWPG)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2016 10:00 A.M.

SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SPAG)

1323 58TH STREET LUBBOCK, TX 79412

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Aubrey Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Chairman Spear introduced Kelly Davila, SPAG Regional Services Director. Ms. Davila provided the public notice information for the official record.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

It was established that a quorum was present at the meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group. There were 14 of 19 voting members in attendance.

The following voting LERWPG members were in attendance:

Dr. Melanie Barnes, Jack Campsey, Jason Coleman, Harvey Everheart, Ronnie Hopper, Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chair), Charlie Morris, Dr. Ken Rainwater, Kent Satterwhite, Aubrey Spear (Chairman), Tom Simons, Jim Steiert, John Taylor, and Jimmy Wedel.

The following voting LERWPG members were not in attendance (Excused Absences):

Doug Hutcheson (Secretary-Treasurer), Bill Harbin (resigned), Michael McClendon (resigned), Delmon Ellison Jr., and Don McElroy.

The following LERWPG non-voting members were in attendance:

John Clayton (TPWD), Matt Williams (TDA) and Jason Lindeman (TCEQ).

The following LERWPG non-voting members were not in attendance:

Sarah Backhouse (TWDB)

Registered Guests: Tom Gooch (Freese & Nichols), Heather Keister (Freese & Nichols), Preston Dilliard (APAI), Dana Porter (Texas Agrilife), Jeremy Rice (Freese & Nichols), Mike Keester (LBG-Guyton), Kevin Kluge (TWDB), Temple McKinnon (TWDB), Shane McMinn (Golden Spread Electric Coop), H. P. (Bo) Brown, Jr., Jeff Sammon (Brazos River Authority), Shane Jones (WRMWD), Paula Jo Lemonds (HDR), Neil Deeds (INTERA), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPWWCD), Carmon McCain (HPWD), Greg Stanton (USGS), Deanya Williams (Mesa UWCD), Tara Rejino (TWDB), Peter Lake (TWDB), Malcom Laing (City of Lubbock), and Christopher Grotegut (Go Foods, LP). Other guests may have been in attendance however if they failed to sign in they are not recorded in the minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

3. RECOGNITION OF FORMER LERWPG CHAIR, H.P. (BO) BROWN, JR.

Chairman Spear introduced the newest board member of the Texas Water Development Board, Mr. Peter Lake. Mr. Lake recognized Mr. H. P. (Bo) Brown, Jr., and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Texas Water Development Board for his many years of service to Region O. Chairman Spear also recognized Mr. Brown with a plaque on behalf of the members of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28,2016 LEWPG PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Mr. Steiert made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Simons seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTE S OF THE FEBRUARY 28,2016 LEWPG REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Hopper made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wedel seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

6. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Hutcheson the financial report was presented by Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick. Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick reported the account with High Plains Underground Water District was closed out with a bank balance of zero. To date, the current bank balance with SPAG remains at a zero balance as the TWDB advance has not yet been received.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Everheart seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MR. MICHAEL MCCLENDON AS THE RIVER AUTHORITIES REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGION O

Chairman Spear stated there were four other individuals that were nominated for appointment consideration to the planning group. Due to the full agenda, the Executive Committee decided to table any nominations not directly replacing a required category that is currently vacant and required by TWDB to fill those vacancies upon receipt.

Mr. McClendon submitted a letter dated February 8, 2016 resigning from the LERWPG. Mr. Morris made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. McClendon as the River Authorities representative for Region O. Mr. Wedel seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING MR. JEFF SAMMON OF BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY TO REPLACE MR. MICHAEL MCCLENDON AS THE RIVER AUTHORITIES REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGION O

Mr. McClendon submitted a letter of support nominating Mr. Sammon as his replacement as the River Authorities representative for Region O. Mr. Phil Ford, General Manager/CEO of the Brazos River Authority also submitted a letter of support endorsing Mr. Sammon.

Mr. Satterwhite made a motion to replace Mr. McClendon with the appointment of Mr. Sammon of the Brazos Authority as the River Authority representative for Region O. Dr. Barnes seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Sammon was introduced and joined the planning group members after his formal appointment to the planning group.

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MR. BILL HARBIN AS THE ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITEIS REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGION O

Mr. Harbin submitted a letter dated April 15, 2016 resigning from the LERWPG. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Harbin as the Electric Generating representative for Region O. Mr. Steiert seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING MR. SHANE MCMINN OF GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERTIVE TO REPLACE MR. BILL HARBIN AS THE ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGION O

Mr. Harbin submitted a letter of support nominating Mr. McMinn as his replacement as the Electric Generating Utilities representative for Region O. Mr. Mark Schwartz, President & Chief Executive Officer of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., also submitted a letter of support endorsing Mr. McMinn.

Mr. Simons made a motion to replace Mr. Harbin with the appointment of Mr. McMinn of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., as the Electric Generating Utilities representative for Region O. Mr. Everheart seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. McMinn was introduced and joined the planning group members after his formal appointment to the planning group.

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING MR. BEN WEINHEIMER OF THE TEXAS CATTLE FEEDERS ASSOCIATION TO REPLACE MR. H. P. (BO) BROWN, JR. AS AN AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGION O

Mr. Ellison, Jr., and Mr. Hopper submitted letters of support nominating Mr. Weinheimer as the replacement for Mr. Brown as an Agriculture representative for Region O. Mr. Darren Turley of the Texas Association of Dairymen also submitted a letter of support endorsing Mr. Weinheimer.

Mr. Hopper made a motion to replace Mr. Brown with the appointment of Mr. Weinheimer of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association as an Agriculture representative for Region O. Mr. Satterwhite seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Weinheimer was not present at the meeting due to a prior engagement.

12. PRESENTATION ON "PROJECTIONS DEVELOPMENT FOR 2021 REGIONAL WATER PLANS" (KEVIN KLUGE, TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD – WATER USE, PROJECTIONS & PLANNING MANAGER)

Mr. Kluge presented an overview of the Projections Development for 2021 Regional Water Plans. Mr. Kluge stated the 4th Cycle regional plans are complete and the State Water Plans are almost complete. The next step is to start the new plan /projections. The 2021 projections developments are largely rollover from previous plan. The population and municipal data was based on the 2010 Census data which led to municipal water demand projections. The presentation included an overview of Projections Development for Irrigation, Livestock, Manufacturing, Mining, Steam-Electric Power, Population, and Municipal.

13. HEAR PRESENTATION(S) AND CONDUCT INTERVIEW(S) OF POTENTIAL TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairman Spear stated a sub-committee was appointed to review and evaluate all the proposals as a group. There was a total of three proposals submitted (Daniel B. Stephens, Freese and Nichols, and HDR). Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick chaired the sub-committee and reported that all three proposals were scored. The group made a decision to extend an invitation to the top two firms to make a presentation before the entire planning group; they felt there was enough separation between the top two firms and the third firm. The two firms that were extended an invitation were (1) Freese and Nichols and (2) HDR.

Chairman Spear asked the consultants if they would leave the room (out of courtesy) while the other firm made their presentation. Each firm was given a time limit of 20 minutes maximum to make their presentation and then additional time for Q&A from the LERWPG.

Freese and Nichols Inc. made the first presentation. They discussed their qualifications and approach to regional planning. There was a period of questions and answers after the presentation.

HDR Engineering Inc made the final presentation. They discussed their qualifications and approach to regional planning. There was a period of questions and answers after the presentation.

14. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE THE REGION O WATER PLAN FOR THE 5TH CYCLE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VERBAL AND FORMAL PRESENTATIONS FROM FIRMS BEING CONSIDERED AS THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

Chairman Spear opened the floor to discuss the selection of a technical consultant. The Group discussed both firms' experience, qualifications, approach and project management.

After the discussion, Chairman Spear opened the floor to vote on the selection of a firm to prepare the Region O water plan for the 5th Planning Cycle. With the formal appointments of Mr. Sammon, Mr. McMinn and Mr. Weinheimer (Agenda item #8, #10, and #11) the membership total for Region O is 20. 10 out of 16 voting members present submitted a vote. There were 6 votes in favor of Freese and Nichols and 10 votes in favor of HDR.

Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion authorizing SPAG to execute a contract with HDR to prepare the Region O water plan for the 5th Planning Cycle. Jason Coleman seconded the motion. All were in a favor, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

15. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM TWDB PROJECT MANAGER (SARAH BACKHOUSE)

In the absence of Sarah Backhouse, Ms. Temple McKinnon reported:

- ♦ On May 19th the board will be considering adoption of the draft 2017 State Water Plan; and
- ♦ TWDB held a Stakeholder meeting on May 2nd to discuss any technical issues related to the technical aspects of the regional water plan development; and
- ♦ TWDB will execute a contract with SPAG to hire HDR to prepare the Region O water plan for the 5th Planning Cycle.

16. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE REGION O ADMINISTRATOR (KELLY DAVILA)

Mrs. Davila reported:

- ♦ SPAG will present the decision of the planning group to the SPAG Board of Directors to get approval for contract execution (between SPAG and HDR) at the June SPAG Board of Directors meeting.

17. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA REPRESENTATIVES

GMA # 2 - Mr. Ronnie Hopper reported:

- ♦ Things are going well in in the planning process for GMA 2.

GMA # 6 - Mr. Jack Campsey reported:

- ♦ Met on April 28th to do the DFCs for the Trinity, Blaine, Dockum, Ogallala, and Seymour aquifer and developed a resolution for each aquifer. On May 2nd, they mailed out the information to begin the 90-day comment period.

18. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM OTHER LIAISONS TO OTHER REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS

Region A - Mr. Kent Satterwhite reported:

- ♦ There was nothing to report.

Region B - Mr. Jack Campsey reported:

- ♦ At the May meeting they selected three technical consultants for the 5th Planning Cycle (Biggs and Matthews, Freese and Nichols, and Alan Plummer).

Region F - Mr. Harvey Everheart reported:

- Region F will be meeting on July 28th.

Region G - Mr. Michael McClendon was not present. Mr. Jeff Sammon reported:

- Met on April 27, still wrapping up a few loose end from the previous cycle. Former Senator Kip Averitt presented information on the Goldwater Project to work with water user groups on conservation measures.

19. RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING GROUP

Chairman Spear opened the floor to accept public input and comments to the planning group. There were no public input or comments received.

20. CONSIDER A DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Spear stated the next meeting will be scheduled for the fall (date to be determined). The first priority for the fall meeting will be to consider the nominations that were submitted to fill vacancies.

21. CONSIDER OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Spear asked if there were any other business to consider or announcements to be made.

Mr. Hopper announced his farm will be having their annual No Tail Field Day at his farm on August 18 and 19. Everyone is invited to attend and a reminder email will be sent to the planning group as the event draws near.

There being no other business to consider or announcements, Chairman Spear asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

22. ADJOURN

John Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kent Satterwhite. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 P.M.

Note: Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than set forth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice complies with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041 (Notice of Meeting Requirements); Section 551.043 (Time and Accessibility of Notice Requirements); and Section 551.053 (Notice of Requirements of a Political Subdivision Extending Into Four or More Counties). The notice has been filed at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting with the Office of the Texas Secretary of State, the Lubbock County Clerk's Office and posted on the websites of the South Plains Association of Governments at www.spag.org and Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group at www.llanoplan.org.

This notice was posted on April 26, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas.

Belinda Solis of the South Plains Association of Governments staff served as recording secretary for the meeting.

These minutes were approved at the Oct. 5, 2016 regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group.



Aubrey A. Spear, Chairman
Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group

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