

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2020

LERWPG Voting Membership as of January 22, 2020:

Executive Committee: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Dr. Ken Rainwater (Secretary-Treasurer)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>TWDB Designation (Interest Category)</u>
Melanie Barnes, Ph. D	2019	Public
Jason Coleman, PE	2018	Water Districts
Harry DeWit	2021	Agricultural
Carrie Dodson	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#6)
Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM	2021	Agricultural
Joey Hardin	2022	Industries
Ronnie Hopper	2022	Groundwater Management Areas (#2)
Nathaniel (Shane) Jones	2021	Water Utilities
Mark Kirkpatrick	2022	Agricultural
Don McElroy	2022	Small Business
Alan Monroe	2019	Municipalities (small) less than 10,000
Charlie Morris	2022	Counties
Ken Rainwater, Ph. D	2022	Public
Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2019	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
Jimmy Wedel	2019	Agricultural
Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
Bret Yeary, PE	2019	Electric Generating Utilities
Vacant	2017	(previously Water Supply Districts)
Vacant	2019	(previously Water Utilities)
Vacant	2019	(previously Municipalities (medium))
Vacant	2019	(previously Agriculture)

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Sarah Backhouse	N/A	TWDB
Jean Devlin	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.
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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, January 22, 2020. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M. in the board room of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

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2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 14 of 20 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Ms. Carrie Dodson, Mr. Joey Hardin, Mr. Shane Jones, Mr. Don McElroy, Mr. Kent Satterwhite, Mr. Jimmy Wedel, and Mr. Bret Yearly.

The following voting members were not in attendance (unexcused absence): Not applicable.

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: Mr. John Clayton, Mr. Jason Lindeman, and Mr. Rusty Ray.

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Gynova Samples (SPAG), Neil Deeds (INTERA), Amber Blount (Sandy Land UWCD), and J. Adams (Cochran County).

3. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests were introduced

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Consider Approval of November 13, 2019 LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jeffrey Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report, (Dr. Ken Rainwater, Secretary-Treasurer)

Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the financial report as presented with Mr. Jim Steiert seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

6. Consider Budget Memorandum request of TWDB funds

Ms. Kelly Davila of SPAG, discussed the budget of the LERWPG and requested to move \$40,000 out of other expenses into to expenses for HDR. SPAG will submit the budget memorandum on behalf of the LERWPG, if approved.

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to approve the budget memorandum with Mr. Alan Monroe seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

7. Consider approval of membership term renewals for Dr. Melanie Barnes, Mr. Jimmy Wedel, Mr. Alan Monroe, Mr. Aubrey Spear, and Mr. Bret Yeary

Mr. Aubrey Spear announced the LERWPG members requesting term renewals. Members requesting term renewals are Dr. Melanie Barnes, Mr. Alan Monroe, Mr. Aubrey Spear, and Mr. Bret Yeary. Mr. Jimmy Wedel requested to end his term. Mr. Charlie Morris made a motion to approve all requests for term renewals with Mr. Harry DeWit seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Consider approval of nominations submitted for the following interest categories; Agriculture, Municipality (medium) 10-30,000, Water Districts, and Water Utilities

Mr. Aubrey Spears proposed to table the consideration and approval of nominees due to submissions of nomination packets to the Executive Committee two days prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee needs more time to review the nomination packets.

Mr. Jim Steiert made a motion to approve tabling the consideration of nominees for LERWPG membership vacancies with Mr. Jeffery Snyder seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

9. Discussion and Possible action on HDR/INTERA planning tasks

- A. Presentation on updated water management strategy evaluations

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed water management strategies for City of Plainview, City of Plainview Reuse, Salt Fork Water Quality, CRMWA I and II Supply Replacement, CRMWA II New Supply (wells & pipeline), CRMWA ASR, Playa Lake Enhanced Recharge, City of Lubbock Surface Water WMS, and City of Lubbock Groundwater WMS. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds requested the LERWPG members to review and provide comment for draft 2021 RWP Chapter 5 Water Management Strategies.

B. Presentation on select groundwater water management strategy evaluations

Dr. Neil Deeds of INTERA, discussed ground water management strategies for the Cities of Wolfforth, Brownfield, Muleshoe and Littlefield.

C. Discussion and possible action on other planning tasks

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed other planning tasks with the LERWPG. Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds will be sending SPAG updated drafts of all the chapters of the plan to forward to the LERWPG for review. This review will be the final review of the chapters before the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) is due.

D. Presentation of the timeline to develop the 2021 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan

Ms. Paula Jo Lemonds of HDR, discussed the timeline to develop the Regional Water Plan. January LERWPG Meeting is to finalize the draft chapter's reviews. February LERWPG Meeting will include the final review and approval of the IPP. The IPP deadline is March 3rd. During the spring of 2020 is the public and agency comment period. In May, the LERWPG will hold a meeting and public hearing related to the IPP. During August and September, the LERWPG will address comments and finalize the plan. In September, LERWPG will meet to adopt the final plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS

10. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Sarah Backhouse/Jean Devlin)

Ms. Sarah Backhouse informed the LERWPG that they will start reviewing IPP on March 3rd. She reminded the LERWPG that there is a 60 day comment period and a 90 day public agency comment period after the public hearing.

Ms. Sarah Backhouse introduced Ms. Jean Devlin as the new project manager for Region O.

Ms. Jean Devlin gave a presentation on TWDB Updates.

11. Report from the Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

Ms. Kelly Davila reported on outstanding Region O dues and would like updated contacts for those on the list.

12. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – Last meeting was November 22nd

B. GMA #6 (Carrie Dodson) – Absent from meeting, no report

13. Report from Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups:

A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – Region A will meet on February 18th, and is following the same timeline as Region O

B. Region B (Carrie Dodson) – Absent from meeting, no report

C. Region F (Dr. Melanie Barnes) – Region F is working on their Water Management Strategies, and the next meeting will be February 20th.

D. Region G (Tommy O'Brien) – Region G is holding pre-public meetings for draft IPP.

14. Receive Public Comments (limited to three minutes per speaker)

No public comments were received

15. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

Next meeting will be mid-February and then the next meeting after that will be mid-May and include the required public hearing related to the IPP.

16. Consider Other Business and Announcements

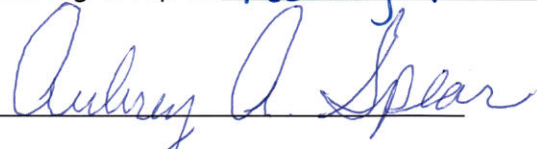
Mr. Jason Coleman announce to the LERWPG that Playa Lakes Joint Ventures will be holding two workshops in Amarillo and Lubbock.

17. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on February 19th, 2020.

Attest:


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