

Llano Estacado

REGIONAL WATER
PLANNING GROUP



LERWPG Voting Membership as of November 17, 2021:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>TWDB Designation (Interest Category)</u>
Melanie Barnes, Ph. D	2024	Public
Jason Coleman, PE	2023	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	2024	Municipalities (small) less than 10,000
Charlie Morris	2022	Counties
Ken Rainwater, Ph. D, PE	2022	Public
Jeff Sammon	2022	River Authorities
Kent Satterwhite	2022	Water Utilities
Jeffrey Snyder	2021	Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000
Aubrey A. Spear, PE	2024	Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more
Jim Steiert	2022	Environmental
Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE	2022	Agricultural
Bret Yearly, PE	2024	Electric Generating Utilities

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Ron Ellis	N/A	TWDB
John Clayton	N/A	TPWD
Jason Lindeman	N/A	TCEQ
Carol Faulkenberry	N/A	TDA
Vacant	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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Introductory Items

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Aubrey Spear, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 17 of 20 members present. The following voting members not in attendance (excused absence): Carrie Dodson, Joey Hardin, Mark Kirpatrick and Jeffrey Snyder

Other Guest in attendance: Paula Jo Lemonds; Jean Devlin (TWDB); Ron Ellis (TWDB); Katy Dahlberg (TWDB); Lincoln Devault (Agriculture); Alyson McDonald(consulting) Rachel Fern (TPWD); Gary Burke (USGS); Christopher Baugh (USGS)

Introduction of Members and Guests

Action Items

3. Consider approval of November 17, 2021 LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes
Kent Satterwhite made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Jason Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
4. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report (Dr. Ken Rainwater- Secretary-Treasurer)
Dr. Ken Rainwater presented the financial report details to the group. Shane Jones made a motion to approve/accept the financial report. Chris Grotegut seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimously.
5. Discussion and potential action regarding certification of administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.
Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve certification of administrative expenses to Texas Water Development board for reimbursement. Melanie Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
6. Discuss and potential action to nominate planning group members to serve as a member and alternate to the Interregional Planning Council.
Dr. Melanie Barnes was nominated by the group to serve as a member to the Interlocal Planning Council. Don McElroy motion to approve Dr. Barnes nomination. Alan Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. Dr. Ken Rainwater was nominated by the group as an alternate to the Interregional Planning Council. Ronnie Hopper motioned to approve Dr. Rainwater nomination as alternate. Jim Steiert seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
7. Consider additional Water Planning Group members nominations
Don McElroy introduced Lincoln Devault to the group. Lincoln talked about his passion for agriculture and farming. Harry Dewit motioned to approve Lincoln Devault as a member to the Llano Estacado Region O Water Planning Group. Alan Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Work Session Items

8. Presentation by TWDB on demand projections methodologies with special focus on irrigation (Katie Dahlberg)
9. Presentation by Texas Playa Initiative (Rachel Fern, Ph.D.)
10. Report - TWDB Project Manager (Ron Ellis)

Ron informed the group that Jean Devlin rejoined the TWDB. Jean will resume her position as contract manager for Region O. Ron updated the group on the Regional Water Planning (RWP) rule updates. RWP rules should be adopted in Spring 2022 and Jean will present the rules to RWPG after the adoption from TWDB. Contract amendments between TWDB and RWPG anticipated Summer 2022. Contracts amendments will include anticipated total project cost, full scope of work, and updated contract guidance documents (Exhibit C and D).
11. Discussion of 6th Planning Cycle and Planning Schedule (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR)
12. Discussion of water demand projections for Region O livestock, manufacturing, and steam-electric power (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR)
13. Report - Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

No updates at this time. Kelly reminded group about Playa Day March 10, 2022. Hosted by SPAG. Information will be sent out to all members.
14. Report - Groundwater Management Area Representatives:
 - A. GMA # 2 (Ronnie Hopper)

Ronnie updated the group on GMA last meeting in Aug. 2021. TWDB declared administratively complete. They will begin next cycle shortly.
 - B. GMA # 6 (Carrie Dodson) – N/A
15. Report - Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups:
 - A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite)

Kent updated that they met last June 2021 and have a meeting scheduled for April 7, 2022.
 - B. Region B (Carrie Dodson)- N/A
 - C. Region F (Dr. Melanie Barnes)

Melanie updated that they met November 2021. They settled on Engineering Firm. There meetings are in person only no hybrid meetings.
 - D. Region G (Jeff Sammon)

Jeff updated they met in September 2021 had to rescheduled February 2022 meeting due to weather to March 2022. All their meetings are in person only.
16. Receive Public Comments (*limited to three minutes per speaker*)

No members of the public appeared to make comment(s)
17. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

LERWPG requested a Doodle poll be sent to determine the next meeting date.

18. Consider New Business and Announcements

No new Business or Announcements at this time.

19. Adjourn

Don McElroy moved to adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Public Comment: Citizens may address the Planning Group concerning an issue of interest that is posted on the agenda for the meeting. All Public Comments shall be taken at the Chairman's discretion under the following guidance:

- a) All individuals desiring to make a public comment must sign in on the "Public Comment Sign-in Sheet" at least 5 minutes prior to start of meeting and should identify himself/herself before providing his/her Public Comment;
- b) All Public Comments shall be made in relation to the posted agenda item, unless otherwise decided at the discretion of the Chairman; and
- c) Each speaker will receive three minutes and no portion of a speaker's allotted time may be given (assigned, relinquished, donated) to another speaker.

Note: Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than set forth. Additional information about this meeting is available by contacting Kelly Davila or Piata Bryant at the South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on _____, 2022.

Attest: _____

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