

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 Yeary, PE	2024	Electric Generating Utilities
Vacant	2017	(previously Water Supply Districts)
Vacant	2019	(previously Water Utilities)
Vacant	2019	(previously Municipalities (medium))
Vacant	2019	(previously Agriculture)
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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.

Introductory Items

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Aubrey Spear, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 16 of 20 members present. The following voting members not in attendance (excused absence): Harry DeWit, Alan Monroe, and Charlie Morris.

Other Guest in attendance: Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR; Dustin Meyer, PRPC; Dale Spurgin, Jones County Judge; James Golab, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); Ron Ellis (TWDB); Piata Bryant SPAG, Tony Chester SPAG- IT, Brain Wagnon Lubbock Audio Visual (LAV), Kevin Powell LAV- IT

3. Introduction of members and guests

Action Items

4. Consider approval of August 25, 2021, LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes
Jason Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Shane Jones seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
5. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report (Dr. Ken Rainwater- Secretary-Treasurer)
Dr. Ken Rainwater presented the financial report details to the group. Ronnie Hopper made a motion to approve/accept the financial report. Carrie Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous vote.
6. Consider the non-municipal water demand projections methodology
LERWPG is requesting that Sarah Backhouse and Ron Ellis with the TWDB to set up a presentation on the methodology for the next LERWPG meeting in January 2022.
7. Consider Water planning Group membership vacancies.
discussion was had regarding purposely seeking members in a geographical description. No action was taken.
8. Consider the RWPG's plan for conducting interregional coordination regarding water management strategies during development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan.
Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to continue process of current, interregional coordination. Jason Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Work Session Items

9. Presentation – Missouri River transfer Project- North Plains GCD (Steve Walthour)

10. Report - TWDB Project Manager (Ron Ellis) Ron Ellis from TWDB discussed Interregional planning council. TWDB is soliciting nominations for the 2nd interregional planning council. Each RWPG is requested to submit at least one nomination (and alternate for each nomination) to TWDB by February 28, 2022. Mr. Ellis went over the 6th Round Demand Projections dates as well as the TWDB regional water planning email.
11. Report - Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)
Kelly Davila introduces Courtney McNeely to the group. Courtney is taking the program over from Piata Bryant. The LERWPG did receive approved executed agreement from TWDB for technical consultant HDR on November 17, 2021
12. Discuss Water Planning Group vacancies
No further discussion was needed on this matter.
13. Report - Groundwater Management Area Representatives:
 - A. GMA # 2 (Ronnie Hopper)
 - B. GMA # 6 (Carrie Dodson)
No report available at this time.
14. Report - Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups:
 - A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite)
Kent Satterwhite discussed last meeting was in June they filled vacancies and hired tech consultant Freese and Nichols.
Region B (Carrie Dodson)
No report available at this time.
 - B. Region F (Dr. Melanie Barnes)
Dr Melanie Barnes shared they would be holding their meeting November 18, 2021.
 - C. Region G (Jeff Sammon)
Jeff Sammon discussed that they held there September 29, 2021 pre planning meeting with public comments from a few counties requesting their population is under estimated and need to be reconsidered. Gulf Coast water authority made comments as well.
15. Receive Public Comments (*limited to three minutes per speaker*)
No members of the public appeared to make comment(s)
16. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting
LERWPG requested a Doodle poll be sent to determine the next meeting date.
17. Consider New Business and Announcements
LERWPG requested a Doodle poll be sent to determine the next meeting date.
18. Adjourn
Aubrey Spear adjourned the meeting at 12:24 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.

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); Section 551.127 (Video Conference Call) 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, and posted on the website of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group at www.llanoplan.org.

Posted on _____ at SPAG Office, 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, TX.

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