

Llano Estacado

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP 

LERWPG Voting Membership as of February 22, 2023:

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 | 2028 | Agricultural |
| Carrie Dodson | 2028 | Groundwater Management Areas (#6) |
| Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM | 2028 | Agricultural |
| Joey Hardin | 2022 | Industries |
| Ronnie Hopper | 2028 | Groundwater Management Areas (#2) |
| Nathaniel (Shane) Jones | 2028 | Water Utilities |
| Mark Kirkpatrick | 2028 | Agricultural |
| Don McElroy | 2028 | Small Business |
| Alan Monroe | 2024 | Municipalities (small) less than 10,000 |
| Charlie Morris | 2028 | Counties |
| Ken Rainwater, Ph. D, PE | 2028 | Public |
| Jeff Sammon | 2028 | River Authorities |
| Kent Satterwhite | 2022 | Water Utilities- Retired |
| Jeffrey Snyder | 2021 | Municipalities (medium) 10-30,000- |
| Aubrey A. Spear, PE | 2024 | Municipalities (large) 30,000 or more |
| Jim Steiert | 2024 | Environmental |
| Ben Weinheimer, Sr., PE | 2028 | 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:

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| Ron Ellis | N/A | TWDB |
| Heather Johnson | N/A | TPWD |
| Jason Lindeman | N/A | TCEQ |
| Linay Williams | N/A | TDA |
| Vacant | N/A | Designated Liaison to Region O |

Glen Baker

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 10:06 a.m.

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 not in attendance (excused absence): Harry DeWit, Joey Hardin, Jeff Sammon, and Ben Weinheimer.

Other Guest in attendance: Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR; Neil Weems, City of Plainview; Kelly Davila, SPAG; Courtney McNeely, SPAG; Randy Criswell, City of Wolfforth; Sam B. HDR;

3. Introduction of members and guests

Action Items

4. Consider approval of December 7 2022, LERWPG Regular Meeting Minutes

Jason Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Dr. Chris Grotegut 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. Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve/accept the financial report. Dr. Melanie Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous vote.

6. Discussion and potential action regarding certification of administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Dr. Chris Grotegut made a motion to approve certification of administrative expenses to be submitted to TWDB for reimbursement Carrie Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

7. Discussion and potential action on reappointments for LERWPG Members-

Alan Monroe made a motion for the following LERWPG member to be reappointed for another 5-year term expiring in 2028. Dr. Chris Grotegut- Agriculture, Harry Dewitt- Agriculture, Carrie Dodson- GMA #6, Ronnie Hooper- GMA #2, Nathaniel Shane Jones- Water Utilities, Mark Kirpatrick- Agriculture, Don McElroy- Small Business, Charlie Morris- Counties, Dr. Ken Rainwater- Public, Jeff Sammon- River Authorities, and Ben Weinheimer- Agriculture and Jason Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Aubrey Spear notified the group that Jeff Snyder is stepping down from his position on LERWPG but would like to appoint a successor Neil Weems Public Works Director for City of Plainview.

(Per bylaws Article III section Conditions of membership item #3). Next LERWPG meeting the group will discuss Neil's recommendation and resume.

8. Nomination and Election of FY 2023 LERWPG Officers Dr. Chris Grotegut gave update from the working group for executive committee. The working group consisted of Dr. Chris Grotegut, Dr. Melanie Barnes, and Ronnie Hopper. Dr. Chris Grotegut nominated Aubrey Spear as Chairman, Mark Kirkpatrick as Vice Chair, and Dr. Ken Rainwater as Secretary/Treasurer. All three men agreed to serve in designated roles. Ronnie Hopper seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous vote.
9. Consider approval of South Plains Association of Governments to amend the contract with technical consultant (HDR). Jason Coleman made motion to approve amendment to contract Carrie Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous vote.
10. Discussion and potential action on report from Technical Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR)
 - A. Analysis of infeasible strategies in the 2021 Regional Water Plan-
Aubrey Spear Chairman – appointed Dr Ken Rainwater, Jim Steiert, Dr. Melanie Barnes, Dr. Chris Grotegut, Jason Coleman to serve on irrigation sub- committee. All members agreed to serve with Dr. Ken Rainwater to serve as Chair.
 - B. Population projections
LERWPG requested .5 migration scenario from TWDB
 - C. Gallons per capita per day (GPCD) use
 - D. Municipal water demand projections
 - E. Non-municipal water demand projections
Katie Dahlberg TWDB will provide migration data for LERWPG
 - F. Process for review and revision of population and demands for the 2026 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan
 - G. Timeline to develop the 2026 Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan
NO ACTION TAKEN ON ANY ITEMS ABOVE

Work Session Items

11. Presentation By Courtney McNeely (SPAG) Responding to water challenges through regional collaboration.
12. Report - TWDB Project Manager (Jean Devlin) Jean updated the group on Population and Municipal Projects. They were released from TWDB on 01/23/23. Jean gave some guidance and important information on Task 4B Identifying Infeasible WMS and Clarification. The TWDB has new one page reference documents on there website.
13. Report - Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)
No Updates at this time
14. Report - Groundwater Management Area Representatives:
 - A. GMA # 2 (Ronnie Hopper) – No Updates
 - B. GMA # 6 (Carrie Dodson)- DVC approved; holding a public hearing

15. Report - Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups:

- A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite)- No Updates at this time
Region B (Carrie Dodson)- Next meeting will be in March 2023.
- B. Region F (Dr. Melanie Barnes)
Dr Melanie Barnes shared the group is getting organized and will have more information in the future.
- C. Region G (Jeff Sammon)
Jeff Sammon updated Brazos G las met in November. Executive committee meeting is February 22nd and next full meeting is March 8th.

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

Randy Criswell with the city of Wolfforth wanted to thank the group for all the hard work. He also updated that the City of Wolfforth is in contract with the city of Lubbock to lease water from the city of Lubbock. The City of Wolfforth also has 7 wells that are in the review process of TCEQ. He wanted the group to know that the City of Wolfforth HAS WATER!

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

LERWPG requested an email be sent to determine the next meeting date.

19. Adjourn

Aubrey Spear adjourned the meeting at 12:50 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 May 10, 2023.

Attest: _____

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