

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION O)

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG)

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019

LERWPG Voting Membership as of February 20, 2019:

Executive Committee: Aubrey A. Spear, PE (Chairman), Mark Kirkpatrick (Vice-Chairman) and Doug Hutcheson (Secretary-Treasurer)

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

LERWPG Non-Voting Membership:

Aaron Waters	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
<u>LERWPG Consultant</u>		
Paula Jo Lemonds, PG, PE	N/A	HDR, Inc

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (Region O) met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Chairman Aubrey A. Spear welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. in the board room of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A quorum of LERWPG voting members was in attendance with 13 of 24 members present.

The following voting members were not in attendance (excused absence): Mr. Harry DeWit, Ms. Carrie Dodson, Dr. Chris Grotegut, Mr. Don McElroy, Mr. Charlie Morris, Mr. Jeff Sammon, Mr. Kent Satterwhite, Mr. Jim Steiert, and Mr. Jimmy Wedel.

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

The following voting members resigned and were not in attendance: Mr. Shane McMinn (May 18, 2018) and Mr. John Taylor (November 30, 2018).

The following non-voting members were not in attendance: Mr. Tommy O'Brien (Region G Liaison) and *Mr. Rusty Ray (TSSWCB). *Mr. Glenn Baker represented TSSWCB in the absence of Mr. Rusty Ray.

Registered Guests in Attendance: Kelly Davila (SPAG), Belinda Solis (SPAG), Lori Barnes (LEUWCD), Lindy Harris (SPUWCD), Dan Seale (HPWD), Dana Porter (Texas A&M Agriculture), Keith Sides (USDA), Alan Monroe, and Gary Burke (USGS).

3. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests were introduced.

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Consider approval of November 15, 2018 LERWPG Work Session Meeting Minutes

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

5. Consider acceptance of the Financial Report (Doug Hutcheson, Secretary-Treasurer)

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

6. Report from Bylaws Working Group (Mark Kirkpatrick, Bylaws Working Group Chair)

The Bylaws Working Group (Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick, Mr. Jason Coleman and Dr. Melanie Barnes) met on October 29, 2018 to review the Bylaws. Mrs. Kelly Davila presented highlights of the amendments recommended by the Bylaws Working Group.

7. Discuss and Consider Amending Bylaws and Approval of Amended Bylaws

The Planning Group made a recommendation to amend the Bylaws as discussed and recommended approval of the amendments.

Mr. Jason Coleman made a motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws. Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Designation of Nominating Committee for FY 2019 Slate of Officers

No action taken on this agenda item.

9. Discuss and Consider the Reappointment of Mr. Jason Coleman and Take Possible Action to Reappoint Mr. Coleman as a Water District Representative for Region O for the Term of 2019-2024

Mr. Mark Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jason Coleman with Mr. Delmon Ellison seconding the motion. Mr. Jason Coleman abstained from voting. All were in favor, the motion carried.

10. Discuss and Consider the Nominating Packet of Mr. Bret Yeary and Take Possible Action to Appoint Mr. Yeary as the Replacement for Mr. Shane McMinn as the Electric Generating Utilities Representative for Region O for Term Expiring 2019

Mr. Ben Weinheimer, Sr. made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Bret Yeary with Mr. Jason Coleman seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

11. Consider the Acceptance of the Resignation of Mr. John Taylor Representing Municipalities (small) Less than 10,000 for Region O

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made the motion to accept the Resignation of Mr. John Taylor

with Dr. Melanie Barnes seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

12. Discuss and Consider the Nominating Packet of Mr. Alan Monroe and Take Possible Action to Appoint Mr. Monroe as the Replacement for Mr. John Taylor as the Municipalities (small) Less than 10,000 Representative for Region O Term Expiring 2019

Mr. Jeffrey Snyder made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Alan Monroe with Mr. Tom Simons seconding the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

13. Designate a Region O Voting Member as Liaison to Region F

Chairman Spear asked for a volunteer to serve as the Liaison to Region F. No action taken on this agenda item.

14. Designate a Region O Voting Member as Liaison to Region B

No action taken on this agenda item.

15. Consider Approval of Request for TWDB to Conduct Socio-Economic Impact Analysis

Mr. Ronnie Hopper made the motion to approve TWDB to conduct the Socio-Economic Impact Analysis and Mr. Doug Hutcheson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, REPORT, PRESENTATIONS

16. Presentation from Dr. Dana O. Porter, Professor, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center: Agriculture Water Use & Conservation Technologies.

Dr. Porter presented valuable information on agriculture water use in the Llano Estacado Region. Highlights of the presentation included: Ag Water Conservation Strategies, Economic Considerations, Climate X Crop Considerations, Operation-Specific Considerations, Effectiveness of Strategies, Technology Considerations and Policy Considerations.

17. Report from HDR Consultant (Paula Jo Lemonds)

Ms. Lemonds reported updates on the following: (1) Background and Review regarding the Regional Water Planning Process, (2) Next Steps, (3) Water Management Strategy Development, (4) Information from TWDB, and (5) Drought Monitor.

18. Report from TWDB Project Manager (Aaron Waters)

Mr. Waters reported on the adopted changes approved at the November 28th Uniform Stakeholder Committee meeting, Socioeconomic Analysis 'as of date' and

Planning Group Action, WMS evaluation tools available to assist in water management strategy evaluations, Technical Memorandum, and the Public Water System Viewer.

Mr. Waters also reported on legislative updates from a Water Planning perspective the TWDB is actively tracking.

19. Report from Region O Administrator (Kelly Davila)

Mrs. Davila reported a representative from TWDB will be presenting a workshop on Infrastructure (primarily water) on March 7th at the Texas Municipal League Region 3 Meeting. On occasion, SPAG has distributed Region O information and surveys at these TML meetings as most of the cities in Region O are members of TML Region 3.

20. Report from Groundwater Management Area Representatives:

A. GMA #2 (Ronnie Hopper) – Nothing to report.

B. GMA #6 (Carrie Dodson) – No report.

21. Report from other Liaisons to adjacent Regional Water Planning Groups

A. Region A (Kent Satterwhite) – Nothing to report.

B. Region B (Vacant) – No report.

C. Region F (Vacant) – No report.

D. Region G (Tommy O'Brien) – No report.

22. Receive Public Comments (*limited to 3 minutes per speaker*)

There were no public comments received.

23. Consider Date and Agenda Items for Next LERWPG Meeting

The next LERWPG meeting will likely be held in early May (tentatively May 8th).

24. Consider Other Business and Announcements

Mr. Jason Lindeman announced he left flyers at the registration table regarding the 'Take Care of Texas Kids Art Contest'. The contest started January 3rd and the entries are due by March 3rd.

25. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 P.M.

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group on April 24th, 2019.

Attest: Aubrey A. Spear

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