



**April 20, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 commencing at 10:33 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

**Directors Present**

Lynden Gill – Chairman  
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman  
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary  
Reeves Brown – Treasurer  
Anthony Nunez  
Matthew Carter  
Jared Gardner

**District Staff Present**

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager  
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water  
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant  
Nate Finnell – Project Technician  
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist  
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

**District Staff Absent**

Peter Nichols – Special Counsel  
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

**Guests Present**

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen  
Betsy Reeves – Pueblo County Rancher  
Terry Dawson – Bureau of Reclamation  
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District  
Jeffery DeHerrera – Pueblo West Metro District  
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune Democrat  
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner  
Chris Woodka – Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
Leann Noga – Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
Curtis Sniff – Fort Lyon Canal Company  
Wesley Eck – Fort Lyon Canal Company  
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water

**Chairman Gill announced a quorum was present with no Directors absent.**

**Approve Agenda**

- Approved agenda by general consent.

**10:34 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise**

- Director Brown moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Esquibel seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- [The Water Activity Enterprise meeting minutes are recorded separately from the regular board meeting minutes]
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Nunez, seconded by Director Mauch. It carried unanimously.

### **10:38 a.m. – Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting**

- *Introduction of Guests:* Chairman Gill welcomed the guests and asked them each to introduce themselves and whom they represent.

### **Approval of Routine Items**

- All items listed in this portion are considered to be routine by the LAVWCD and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Director so requests.
  - Work Session Minutes – March 16, 2022
  - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2022
  - March 2022 Financials
- Director Nunez moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Personnel:* None
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Brown reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

### **General Manager's Report**

- General Manager Jack Goble introduced Chris Woodka who provided an update on the Arkansas Valley Conduit.
  - EXHIBIT A
  - Woodka stated Otero County Commissioners ratified an agreement with the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to serve as the fiscal agent for the Arkansas Valley Conduit.
- General Manager Goble introduced Terry Dawson from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
  - EXHIBIT B
- General Manager Goble updated the Board on the operations of the District's lease-fallow projects.
- General Manager Goble continues to meet with the states of Colorado and Kansas about creating a new Multi-Purpose Storage Account in John Martin Reservoir.



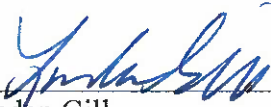
- General Manager Goble provided a water quality projects update and stated that Brad Lubbers has started the selection process for the next round of grant-funded projects.

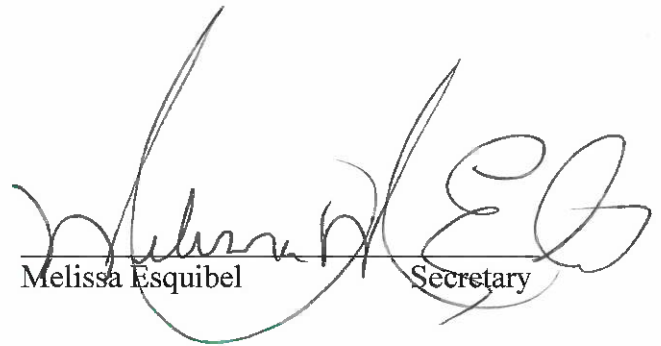
**Directors Discussion**

- Director Nunez complimented Jack Goble on inviting Scott Campbell and Ed Roberson from the Palmer Land Conservancy to discuss the Bessemer Conservation Project and where a LAVWCD monetary contribution would tie into the project.

**Adjourn**

- At 11:26 a.m., Director Esquibel moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Lynden Gill Chairman

  
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Melissa Esquibel Secretary