



August 18, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 commencing at 10:33 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 and via Zoom.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (Via Zoom)
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown (Via Zoom)

Directors Absent

Anthony Nunez

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Nate Finnell – Agriculture/Water

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

Guests Present

Robert Banham – Pueblo West Metro
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Sam Fosdick – Farmer
Lane Simmons – Arkansas Valley Research Center

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Director Nunez absent.

Approve Agenda

- General Manager Goble requested that Resolution 2021-01 be postponed till past Director Valliant could attend in-person. Director Mauch moved to approve the agenda with requested changes, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

10:35 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Esquibel moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Mauch seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Esquibel and seconded by Director Brown. 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 LAVWCD and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Director so requests.
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – July 21, 2021
 - July 2021 Financials
- Director Chavez moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:*
 - Committee Chairman Gill stated the Personnel Committee met and reviewed security measures for the offices.
- *Acquisition:* Chairman Gill stated the Acquisition Committee met and discussed the LAVWCD Conservation Easements.
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Chavez reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Jack Goble reported that LAVWCD is almost fully staffed and has been able to maintain all of LAVWCD's commitments.
- General Manager Goble provided the board an update on Super Ditch activities.
- General Manager Goble stated that construction on Diamond A's sprinkler has been completed.
- General Manager Goble provided the board an update on Water Quality projects.
- General Manager Goble announced the hiring of Brad Lubbers as LAVWCD's Water Resources Specialist to take over water quality and soil health projects.

Directors Discussion

- Director Mauch announced that Nate Finnell was going to look at a truck for Larkspur.

Legal Report

Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.



Public Comment

- Sam Fosdick asked for guidance regarding a situation with the state that involved a cease-and-desist order for his pond.

Adjourn

- At 11:01 p.m., Director Chavez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary