



January 20, 2021
Work Session Meeting Minutes

The Work Session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 commencing at 10:00 A.M., at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 via Zoom.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (Via Zoom) (Arrived at 10:06 a.m.)
Jim Valliant – Treasurer (Via Zoom)
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown (Via Zoom)
Anthony Nunez (Via Zoom)

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager (Via Zoom)
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer (Via Zoom)
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer (Via Zoom)
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant (Via Zoom)
Nate Finnell – Agriculture/Water (Via Zoom)
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel (Via Zoom)

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel absent.

General Manager – Jay Winner

- General Manager Winner introduced Special Counsel Peter Nichols to review the ethics policy.
- Special Counsel Nichols stated that the policy was created 2-3 years after the District was formed and is currently unchanged.
- Directors and Staff are subject to this policy and must be signed by all Directors and Staff.
- Special Counsel Nichols commented that Director Esquibel had some questions that need to be addressed in an Ethics Committee meeting.
 - Directors Nunez and Chairman Gill believe that Director Esquibel needs to be present to discuss her concerns and suggested discussing the policy when she is present for comment, then have the policy rereviewed by the board.
- Chairman Gill along with Directors Brown and Mauch would like to get Special Counsel Nichols' recommendations for the next meeting.
 - Director Esquibel would like Special Counsel Nichols to provide a memo within 2 weeks so that the board can review it and pursue the concept by the next board meeting.

