



**January 19, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 commencing at 10:34 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  
Matthew Carter

**Directors Absent**

Anthony Nunez

**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 (Via Zoom)  
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant  
Megan Gutwein – Special Counsel (Via Zoom)

**District Staff Absent**

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant  
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

**Guests Present**

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen  
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette  
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner  
Betsy Reeves – Pueblo County Rancher  
Lane Simmons – Arkansas Valley Research Center  
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water  
Rose Ward – North La Junta Conservancy District  
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation (Via Zoom)

**Chairman Gill announced a quorum was present with Director Nunez absent.**

**Approve Agenda**

- Director Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recurring Business**

- General Manager Jack Goble stated that the Directors' Oath of Office and Election of Officers will be postponed till February.

- General Manager Goble reminded the Board of Directors to sign the Ethical Principles and Fiduciary Duties and the Acknowledgement of Duties of Board Members Policies.
- General Manager Goble asked the Board of Directors to approve the requirements for LAVWCD postings as per the year before including on the front door of the LAVWCD Rocky Ford office, the LAVWCD website, and via email to the mailing list, with the primary location being the front door of 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.
  - Director Mauch moved to approve the postings, seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

#### **10:38 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise**

- Director Mauch 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 Chavez and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

#### **10:40 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.
  - Personnel Committee Minutes – December 8, 2021
  - Work Session Minutes – December 8, 2021
  - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2021
  - November 2021 Financials
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- Director Brown moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

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



### General Manager's Report

- General Manager Jack Goble congratulated Jessica Mills for being appointed to the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Board of Directors.
- General Manager Goble stated Secure Technology did a review of LAVWCD internet security and stated everything was running smoothly.
- General Manager Goble informed the board that Palmer Land Trust will present at the February meeting.
- General Manager Goble introduced Brad Lubbers who presented on the outreach efforts involving LAVWCD Water Quality Grants.
- General Manager Jack Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
  - EXHIBIT A

### Board Action

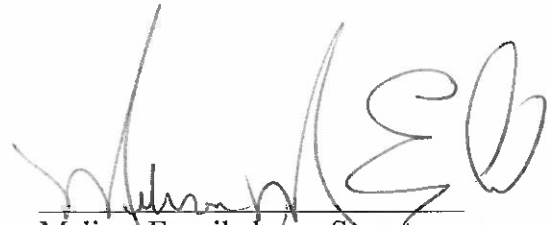
- Director Mauch moved to approve the Otero County IGA and MOA, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
- Director Brown moved to approve Resolution 2022-01-Nomination of Director Nunez to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District Board with Jessica Mills serving as the alternate, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.
- Director Chavez moved to approve Resolution 2022-02-Assignment of Larkspur, Inc Proxies, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.

### Adjourn

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

  
Lynden Gill

Chairman

  
Melissa Esquibel

Secretary