



**July 21, 2021**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 commencing at 10:36 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  
Phillip Chavez  
Reeves Brown  
Anthony Nunez

**Directors Absent**

**District Staff Present**

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

**District Staff Absent**

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

**Guests Present**

Robert Banham – Pueblo West Metro  
Clarice Navarro – Congresswoman Lauren Boebert  
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner  
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen  
Alan Ward – Pueblo Board of Water Works  
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources  
Bette McFarren – Rocky Ford Gazette  
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water

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

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Crowley County Director Position**

- Chairman Gill stated that Director Valliant is resigning from the Board of Directors due to health issues and thanked Director Valliant for his years of services and time as a Board Member.

- Directors Brown regretfully moved to accept Director Valliant's resignation, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chairman Gill stated that information for the Crowley County Director position will be available soon.

#### **10:40 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise**

- Director Nunez 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 Mauch and seconded by Director Esquibel. It carried unanimously.

#### **10:43 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 – June 16, 2021
  - Personnel Committee Minutes – June 16, 2021
  - June 2021 Financials
- Director Esquibel moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- *Personnel:*
  - Committee Chairman Gill stated the Personnel Committee reviewed and interviewed candidates for the General Manager Position on July 6, 2021.
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Chairman Gill reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

#### **Board Action**

- Director Esquibel moved to appoint Jack Goble as General Manager of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Jack Goble commented he is excited for the opportunity to continue his work with the District.

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





- General Manager Jack Goble introduced Bill Tyner who provided a presentation on Arkansas Valley Irrigated Agriculture.
  - EXHIBIT A

**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**

- Alan Ward congratulated Jack Goble and stated the Board of Directors made an excellent decision appointing Jack as General Manager.

**Adjourn**

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

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary