



July 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, June 15, 2022 commencing at 10:46 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Reeves Brown – Treasurer
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (via Zoom from 10:46 - 10:52 a.m. and 11:04 – 11:42 a.m.)
Matthew Carter
Jared Gardner
Anthony Nunez (via Zoom)

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist
Nate Finnell – Project Technician
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Megan Gutwein – Special Counsel

District Staff Absent

Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford citizen
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District
Betsy Brown – Pueblo County Rancher
Andrew Froese – Hancock Froese & Company LLC
Curtis Sniff – Fort Lyon Canal
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources

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

Approve Agenda

- Approved agenda by general consent.

10:47 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Gardner moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Brown 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 Mauch, seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

10:50 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 – June 15, 2022
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022
 - June 2022 Financials
- Director Mauch moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

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

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Goble introduced Bill Tyner, the Division 2 Engineer from the Colorado Division of Water Resources, who presented on the John Martin Reservoir Multi-Purpose Account Pilot Project, which was approved by the Arkansas River Compact Administration on July 1, 2022.
 - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Goble introduced Andrew Froese who presented the 2021 LAVWCD financial audit to the Board.
 - EXHIBIT B
- General Manager Goble introduced Brad Lubbers, who provided an update on the remaining project site selections for the LAVWCD's current water quality grants and presented the following two project site selections for consideration:
 - 2020 319 Grant: Lateral/canal lining project for Big R Properties, LLC (Tyler Blain – owner, Paul Casper – farmer)
 - 2020 319 Grant: Nitrogen fertilizer reduction project for Ross Peterson
 - The Board had no objections to these site selections, so staff will proceed with them accordingly.



Directors Discussion

- Director Brown commented that today has been rewarding listening to Special Counsel Nichols' presentation on the District's history and accomplishments.

Adjourn

- At 11:42 a.m., Director Brown moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary