



June 17, 2020
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 commencing at 10:30 a.m. at 108 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 via Zoom.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Anthony Nunez

District Staff Present

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

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

Guests Present (Via Zoom)

Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
Kevin Salter – Kansas Division of Water Resources
Rachel Duran – Kansas Division of Water Resources
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources
Bethany Arnold – Division of Water Resources
Cathy Garcia – Senator Cory Gardner
Andrew Froese – Hancock Froese & Company LLC

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

10:31 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 Valliant seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Chavez and seconded by Director Mauch. It carried unanimously.



10:33 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 – May 20, 2020
 - May 2020 Financials
- Director Mauch moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Winner first introduced Amber Weber who provided an update on Soil Health and the Intern Program.
 - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Winner introduced Lee Hancock who provided an update on Conservation Easements.
 - EXHIBIT B
- General Manager Winner discussed 2020 Larkspur Operations and informed the Board that water is running and accounted for but we cannot store the water.
- General Manager Winner introduced Andrew Froese who presented the 2019 Audit to the Board.
 - Director Valliant moved to accept the 2019 Audit, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.
- General Manager Winner stated that the Bureau of Reclamation provided a PowerPoint with an update.

Director's Discussion

- Director Valliant asked about funding for Grants with General Manager Winner and Mike Weber providing information.
- Next months meeting date was discussed with the meeting possible being on July 29 instead of July 15.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* None
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* None
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

Legal Report

- Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Mendenhall and Malouff: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.
- Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.
- General Manager Winner discussed the settlement with Colorado Springs Utilities on Fountain Creek.

Adjourn

At 11:41 p.m., Director Chavez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill

Chairman



~~Melissa Esquibel~~ Secretary
Assistant Secretary