



June 15, 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 10:40 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Reeves Brown – Treasurer
Matthew Carter
Jared Gardner

Directors Absent

Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
Anthony Nunez

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Megan Gutwein – Special Counsel

District Staff Absent

Nate Finnell – Project Technician
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford citizen
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Rick Kienitz – Aurora Water
Kelly Roesch – Colorado Springs Utilities
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune
Abby Ortega – Colorado Springs Utilities
Ryan Maecker – Colorado Springs Utilities
Scott Lorenz – Colorado Springs Utilities
Bill Long – Bent County
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District
Rob Oquist – Otero County Commissioner
Betsy Brown – Pueblo County Rancher

Chairman Gill announced a quorum was present with Directors Esquibel and Nunez absent.

Approve Agenda

- Approved agenda by general consent.

10:42 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 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.

10:43 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 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 – May 18, 2022
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 18 2022
 - May 2022 Financials
- Director Brown moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* General Manager Goble stated that the Personnel Committee met to discuss the Water Resources Specialist position.
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Brown reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
 - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Goble introduced Kelly Roesch to discuss the Colorado Springs Utilities and Wertz Brothers Farm Project.
 - EXHIBIT B
- Kelly Roesch introduced Abby Ortega who discussed the Colorado Springs Utilities and Bent County proposed Inter-Governmental Agreement.
 - Bill Long commented on the Bent County Commissioner's position on the IGA and stated the commissioners will be accepting comments from the public once a draft IGA is completed.

Public Comment

- Bobby Banham asked if Colorado Springs Utilities was maintaining conservation easements on the Wertz project and Abby Ortega stated that they were using a deed restriction to tie the leased water to the land.

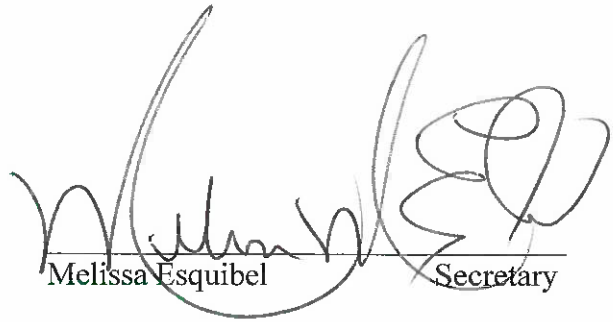
Adjourn

- At 11:39 a.m., Brown Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill

Chairman



Melissa Esquibel

Secretary