



May 19, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 commencing at 10:37 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)
Jim Valliant – Treasurer (Via Zoom)
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown
Anthony Nunez (Via Zoom)

Directors Absent

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – Interim General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Nate Finnell – Agriculture/Water
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel (Left at 11:50 a.m.)

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer

Guests Present

John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Matt Heimerich – Colorado Canal/Lake Meredith
Kevin Salter – Kansas Division of Water Resources (Via Zoom)
Rachel Duran – Kansas Division of Water Resources (Via Zoom)
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water (Via Zoom)

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

10:38 a.m. – Executive Session

- Director Mauch moved to recess the regular board meeting to open an Executive Session meeting, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously
- The purpose of conferences with an attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions [CRS 24-6-402(4)(b)]and the purposes of the Executive Session are for discussing matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators [CRS 24-6-402(4)(e)].
- Special Counsel Nichols identified the subjects of the executive session would be discussion on the resignation of the General Manger and update board on the conflict of interest policy.

11:47 a.m. – Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting

- Executive Session was adjourned with a motion by Director Chavez and seconded by Director Esquibel. It carried unanimously.

11:52 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

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

11:54 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 – April 21, 2021
 - Executive Session Minutes – April 21, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – April 29, 2021
 - Executive Session Minutes – April 29, 2021
 - Special Board Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2021
 - April 2021 Financials
- Director Brown moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim General Manager's Report

- Interim General Manager Jack Goble reported the resignation of Staff Engineer Mike Weber and thanked him for all his work and wished him the best moving forward.
- Interim General Manager Goble reported that all projects are moving forward as normal and that collaborating agencies have expressed their support and understanding during this time of transition.
- Interim General Manager Goble provided an update on legislation.
- Interim General Manager Goble, along with LAVWCD staff member Nate Finnell, provided an update on the Larkspur Ditch operations.
- Interim General Manager Goble stated that the LAVWCD yearly financial audit is currently underway.
- Interim General Manager Goble introduced Conservation Easement Consultant Lee Hancock who provided the board with an update on Conservation Easements.
 - EXHIBIT A

