



**October 20, 2021**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 commencing at 10:32 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)  
Phillip Chavez  
Reeves Brown  
Matthew Carter

**Directors Absent**

Anthony Nunez

**District Staff Present**

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager  
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water  
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant  
Nate Finnell – Agriculture/Water  
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist  
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel (Via Zoom)

**District Staff Absent**

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant  
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

**Guests Present**

John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner  
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation  
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette  
Sam Fosdick – Highline Canal Farmer  
Debbie Fosdick – Highline Canal Farmer  
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources  
Lori Lest – Division of Water Resources  
Don McBee – Farmer  
Sylvia McComber – Rancher  
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District  
Jeffrey Deherrera – Pueblo West Metro District  
Andee Leininger – Rancher  
Matt Heimerick – Palmer Land Trust  
Ron Fillmore – Rancher  
Betsy Brown – Rancher

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

**Approve Agenda**

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- Director Mauch moved to approve the agenda as is, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **10:33 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise**

- Director Chavez moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Esquibel seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Esquibel and seconded by Director Carter. It carried unanimously.

#### **10:34 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 – September 15, 2021
  - Personnel Committee Minutes – September 15, 2021
  - September 2021 Financials
- Director Mauch moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Personnel: Chairman Gill reported the Personnel Committee met to discuss the new security measures, staffing updates, and other topics.
- Acquisition: None
- Ethics: None
- Finance/Budget: Director Chavez reported the Finance Committee met.
- Executive: None
- Legal: None

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

- General Manager Jack Goble stated that the board had a work session before the regular board meeting.
- General Manager Goble reported that Brad Lubbers along with himself were developing an application and selection process for LAVWCD grants.
  - LAVWCD is currently looking for a dryland farm in Prowers County and locations between John Martin Reservoir and the Stateline.
- General Manager Goble stated LAVWCD is still accepting applications for a Water Resources Engineer.
  - Information and application can be found at <http://www.lavwcd.com/employment.html>.

- General Manager Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
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- General Manager Goble introduced Bill Tyner who gave an update on administration of undeclared ponds.

**Legal Report**

Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.

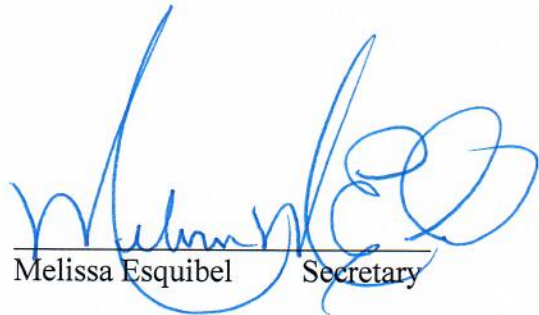
**Adjourn**

- At 11:24 p.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill

Chairman



Melissa Esquibel

Secretary