



**August 18, 2021**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 commencing at 10:33 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 (Via Zoom)

**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

**District Staff Absent**

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant  
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel  
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

**Guests Present**

Robert Banham – Pueblo West Metro  
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner  
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen  
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water  
Sam Fosdick – Farmer  
Lane Simmons – Arkansas Valley Research Center

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

**Approve Agenda**

- General Manager Goble requested that Resolution 2021-01 be postponed till past Director Valliant could attend in-person. Director Mauch moved to approve the agenda with requested changes, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

**10:35 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 Esquibel and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

### **10:38 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 – July 21, 2021
  - Personnel Committee Minutes – July 21, 2021
  - July 2021 Financials
- Director Chavez moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- Personnel:
  - Committee Chairman Gill stated the Personnel Committee met and reviewed security measures for the offices.
- Acquisition: Chairman Gill stated the Acquisition Committee met and discussed the LAVWCD Conservation Easements.
- Ethics: None
- Finance/Budget: Director Chavez reported the Finance Committee met.
- Executive: None
- Legal: None

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

- General Manager Jack Goble reported that LAVWCD is almost fully staffed and has been able to maintain all of LAVWCD's commitments.
- General Manager Goble provided the board an update on Super Ditch activities.
- General Manager Goble stated that construction on Diamond A's sprinkler has been completed.
- General Manager Goble provided the board an update on Water Quality projects.
- General Manager Goble announced the hiring of Brad Lubbers as LAVWCD's Water Resources Specialist to take over water quality and soil health projects.

### **Directors Discussion**

- Director Mauch announced that Nate Finnell was going to look at a truck for Larkspur.

### **Legal Report**

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



**Public Comment**

- Sam Fosdick asked for guidance regarding a situation with the state that involved a cease-and-desist order for his pond.

**Adjourn**

- At 11:01 p.m., Director Chavez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

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Lynden Gill

Chairman

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Melissa Esquibel

Secretary

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