



December 8, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 8, 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
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown (Via Zoom)
Matthew Carter
Anthony Nunez (Via Zoom)

Directors Absent

Melissa Esquibel – Secretary

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Nate Finnell – Project Technician
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District

Chairman Gill announced a quorum was present with Director Esquibel absent.

Approve Agenda

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

10:34 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Nunez moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Chavez 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 Chavez and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.



10:36 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.
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – November 17, 2021
 - Work Session Minutes – November 17, 2021
- Director Mauch moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* Chairman Gill reported the Personnel Committee met.
- *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 announced Mike Homberg intended to present on reservoir levels but was unable to attend.
- General Manager Goble stated Brad Lubbers is upping LAVWCD's outreach efforts in connection with grant funds.
 - An informational flyer can be obtained at the LAVWCD office and producers can contact Brad Lubbers to apply
- General Manager Goble announced that Colorado Springs Utilities officially called for water for 2022 in reference to the Super Ditch lease-fallowing project which involves water/land along the Catlin Canal.
- General Manager Goble provided an update on the Pond Seepage Study which just finished its 3rd and final year, and will be meeting with the state engineer's office to determine how to proceed.
- General Manager Goble introduced Brenda Fillmore who presented the 2022 Budget to the board.
 - Director Chavez moved to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.



Board Action

- Director Mauch moved to approve the employee handbook as presented, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.
- General Manager Goble discussed the Regional Resources Planning Group's new Water Quality Project and its intent.
 - Director Nunez moved to approve the recommendation to participate in the Regional Resource Planning Group Water Quality Project, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Report

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

Directors Discussion

- Director Mauch moved to donate \$250 to Water Education Colorado in honor of Justice Greg Hobbs, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.
- General Manger Goble mentioned that John VanOort with Division of Water Resources passed and that LAVWCD sends their condolences and prayers.

Adjourn

- At 11:08 a.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary