



February 16, 2022
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 commencing at 10:34 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 and via Zoom.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (Via Zoom)(Left at 11:46)
Reeves Brown – Treasurer
Matthew Carter (Via Zoom)
Anthony Nunez
Jared Gardner

Directors Absent

Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman

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
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

District Staff Absent

Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Betsy Reeves – Pueblo County Rancher
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District
Jeffery DeHerrera – Pueblo West Metro District
Jim Blazing – Pueblo West Metro District
Brian Taylor – Aurora Water
Kim MacDonnell – El Pomer Foundation
Hon. Dennis Maes – El Pomer Foundation
Ed Roberson – Palmer Land Conservancy
Dillon O’Hare – Palmer Land Conservancy
Abba Ahmed – Aurora Water

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

Approve Agenda

- Approved agenda by general consent.

10:34 – Call to Order

- Jack Goble reappointed Directors Gill and Brown along with appointed Director Gardner to the LAVWCD Board of Directors.
- Jack Goble introduced Jared Gardner who will be representing Otero County as a LAVWCD Director.
- Director Brown moved to appoint the officers as follows, seconded by Director Nunez:
 - Lynden Gill – Chairman
 - Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
 - Mellissa Esquibel – Secretary
 - Reeves Brown – Treasurer

10:44 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 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 Nunez, seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

10:46 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 – January 19, 2022
 - January 2022 Financials
- Director Brown moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* None
- *Acquisition:* General Manager Goble reported the Acquisitions Committee met.
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Brown reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Jack Goble thanked Phillip Chavez for his service and time as a LAVWCD Director and looks forward to continuing work with him on current and upcoming projects.
- General Manager Goble officially welcomed Jared Gardner to the LAVWCD Board.



- General Manager Goble introduced Ed Roberson with Palmer Land Conservancy who discussed their upcoming Bessemer Ditch Project.
 - Hon. Dennis Maes recommended that LAVWCD donate some funds for the project budget.
 - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
 - EXHIBIT B
- General Manager Goble introduced Gerry Knapp who provided his expert report on Case 19CW3036.
 - EXHIBIT C

Adjourn

- At 12:26 p.m., Director Brown moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary