



July 21, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 commencing at 10:36 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
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown
Anthony Nunez

Directors Absent

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Nate Finnell – Agriculture/Water
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel (Via Zoom)

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

Guests Present

Robert Banham – Pueblo West Metro
Clarice Navarro – Congresswoman Lauren Boebert
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Alan Ward – Pueblo Board of Water Works
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources
Bette McFarren – Rocky Ford Gazette
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water

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

Approve Agenda

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

Crowley County Director Position

- Chairman Gill stated that Director Valliant is resigning from the Board of Directors due to health issues and thanked Director Valliant for his years of services and time as a Board Member.

- Directors Brown regretfully moved to accept Director Valliant's resignation, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chairman Gill stated that information for the Crowley County Director position will be available soon.

10:40 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 Mauch seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Mauch and seconded by Director Esquibel. It carried unanimously.

10:43 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 – June 16, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – June 16, 2021
 - June 2021 Financials
- Director Esquibel moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:*
 - Committee Chairman Gill stated the Personnel Committee reviewed and interviewed candidates for the General Manager Position on July 6, 2021.
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Chairman Gill reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

Board Action

- Director Esquibel moved to appoint Jack Goble as General Manager of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Jack Goble commented he is excited for the opportunity to continue his work with the District.

General Manager's Report



- General Manager Jack Goble introduced Bill Tyner who provided a presentation on Arkansas Valley Irrigated Agriculture.
 - EXHIBIT A

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

- Alan Ward congratulated Jack Goble and stated the Board of Directors made an excellent decision appointing Jack as General Manager.

Adjourn

- At 11:26 p.m., Director Esquibel moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary