



June 16, 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 10:35 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 and via Zoom.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Jim Valliant – Treasurer (Via Zoom)
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (Via Zoom)
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown
Anthony Nunez (Via Zoom)

Directors Absent

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – Interim 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) (Left at 11:00)

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

Guests Present

John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Andrew Froese – Hancock Froese & Company LLC
Jim Blasing – Pueblo West Water
Alan Ward – Pueblo Board of Water Works
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources

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

Approve Agenda

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

10:37 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Brown 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 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 – May 19, 2021
 - Executive Session Minutes – May 19, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – May 19, 2021
 - May 2021 Financials
- Director Brown moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim General Manager’s Report

- Interim General Manager Jack Goble thanked the staff and consultants for their extra work during this time of transition.
- Interim General Manager Goble introduced Andrew Froese who reported on the 2020 Audit for LAVWCD.
- Interim General Manager Goble introduced Nate Finnell who provided the board with an update on Larkspur Activities.
 - EXHIBIT A

Directors Discussion

- Director Chavez requested an Acquisitions Committee meeting in the future to discuss Conservation Easements.
- Chairman Gill thanked staff for the extra efforts during this time.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:*
 - Committee Chairman Gill reported that the Personnel Committee met on June 10 and before the regular board meeting.
 - Chairman Gill announced the finalists for the General Manager are Bill Giannetto of Pueblo, Jack Goble of Hasty, Joe Mahaney of Pueblo West, and Garrett Markus of Ordway.
 - Interviews will be held July 6 with the hope of announcing a new General Manager at the July 21 Monthly Board Meeting.
 - Chairman Gill announced the position for a Water Resources Engineer/Specialist.
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Valliant reported the Finance Committee met.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None



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 11:30 p.m., Director Esquibel moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary

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