



March 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, March 16, 2022 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
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (Via Zoom)
Reeves Brown – Treasurer
Anthony Nunez (Via Zoom)
Matthew Carter
Jared Gardner

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
Megan Gutwein – Special Counsel

District Staff Absent

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

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Betsy Reeves – Pueblo County Rancher
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District
Jeffery DeHerrera – Pueblo West Metro District
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune Democrat
John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Brett Moore – OnTheBallot Consulting (Via Zoom)
Sol Malick – OnTheBallot Consulting (Via Zoom)

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

Approve Agenda

- Approved agenda by general consent.

10:36 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Mauch moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Carter 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 Carter, 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 the LAVWCD and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Director so requests.
 - Acquisition Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2022
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2022
 - February 2022 Financials
- Director Gardner moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* None
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Brown 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 prior to the regular meeting to have Counsel Gutwein conduct a board member training to review and discuss the LAVWCD's conflict of interest and board member duties policies.
- General Manager Goble introduced Brett Moore and Sol Malick with OnTheBallot consulting, LAVWCD's lobbyist, who provided an update on the legislative session.
- General Manager Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
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- General Manager Goble mentioned that he had written a letter of support on behalf of the LAVWCD for the nomination of Roy Vaughn (retired Bureau of Reclamation employee) for the Bob Appel "Friend of the Arkansas River" Award.
- General Manager Goble stated the 2022 irrigation season has official started along with the Super Ditch Company's two lease-fallow projects that operate under the Catlin Canal.
- General Manager Goble updated the Board on the continued meetings with Kansas's Department of Water Resources about creating a new Multi-Purpose Storage Account in John Martin Reservoir and that the prospect of a 2022 pilot project with limited water sources was increasing.



- General Manager Goble provided an update on Water Quality projects, including that the successful installation of a new grant-funded sprinkler pond lining had just been completed by Brad Lubbers and Nate Finnell. He also noted that this is the first improvement installed that was selected and approved by the Board using the LAVWCD’s new formal scoring and selection process.

Adjourn

- At 11:26 a.m., Director Brown moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary