



November 17, 2021
Work Session Meeting Minutes

The work session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 commencing at 9:25 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
Matthew Carter
Anthony Nunez (Via Zoom)(Arrived at 9:32 a.m.)

District Staff Present

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

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel and Nunez absent.

Approve Agenda

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

Director's Discussion

- General Manager Jack Goble and Brad Lubbers discussed the selection process and applications for the 319 grant recipients with the board along with the top 4 producer sites.
- General Manager Goble and Brad Lubbers discussed the Soil Health Grant with the board including the sites for testing.
- Brad Lubbers discussed outreach for sites including a flyer to present to ditch/canal boards.
- General Manager Goble, Special Counsel Peter Nichols, and Lee Hancock discussed the current Conservation Easement Policy and what is/is not allowed on Conservation Easement lands.
 - Special Counsel Nichols wants to develop a clear policy for Conservation Easements including the Board's view on marijuana grows, solar energy, hydro power, and wind energy.



- General Manager Goble stated that himself, Gerry Knapp, and Chairman Gill met with the Otero County Commissions about a potential Intergovernmental Agreement between LAVWCD and Otero County.
- General Manager Goble discussed with the Board hiring Gerry Knapp as an expert witness for revegetation involving the LAWMA change case.
- General Manager Goble stated that Arkansas Groundwater Reservoir Association will offer a Rule 10 Plan for their Rule 14 members.
- General Manager Goble and Director Mauch informed the Board that the seat for the Fountain Creek Watershed and Greenway District will be up for reappointment at the end of the year.

Adjourn

- At 10:35 p.m., Director Chavez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary