



October 20, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 commencing at 10:32 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)
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown
Matthew Carter

Directors Absent

Anthony Nunez

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
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel (Via Zoom)

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

Guests Present

John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
Sam Fosdick – Highline Canal Farmer
Debbie Fosdick – Highline Canal Farmer
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources
Lori Lest – Division of Water Resources
Don McBee – Farmer
Sylvia McComber – Rancher
Bobby Banham – Pueblo West Metro District
Jeffrey Deherrera – Pueblo West Metro District
Andee Leiningner – Rancher
Matt Heimerick – Palmer Land Trust
Ron Fillmore – Rancher
Betsy Brown – Rancher

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Director Nunez absent.

Approve Agenda

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

10:33 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Chavez moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Esquibel 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 Esquibel and seconded by Director Carter. It carried unanimously.

10:34 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 – September 15, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – September 15, 2021
 - September 2021 Financials
- Director Mauch moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* Chairman Gill reported the Personnel Committee met to discuss the new security measures, staffing updates, and other topics.
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* Director Chavez 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 before the regular board meeting.
- General Manager Goble reported that Brad Lubbers along with himself were developing an application and selection process for LAVWCD grants and plan to test it out on the following projects:
 - LAVWCD is currently seeking landowners of a dryland farm in Prowers County that are interested in participating in a soil health project
 - LAVWCD is currently seeking landowners of an irrigated farm located between John Martin Reservoir and the Kansas state line interested in installing a best management practice (possibly a pond lining), funded by a 319 Grant, to test the efficacy of it on water quality.



- General Manager Goble stated that the LAVWCD is still accepting applications for a Water Resources Engineer.
 - Information and an application can be found at <http://www.lavwcd.com/employment.html>.
- General Manager Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
 - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Goble introduced Bill Tyner who gave an update on administration of un-decreed ponds.

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 11:24 p.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary