



September 15, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 commencing at 10:34 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 (Via Zoom)
Anthony Nunez
Matthew Carter

Directors Absent

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Nate Finnell – Agriculture/Water

Guests Present

John Hostetler – Otero County Commissioner
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Lane Simmons – Arkansas Valley Research Center
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation
Alan Ward – Pueblo Water
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
Bill Hancock – Rocky Ford Citizen
Kevin Salter – Kansas Division of Water Resources (Via Zoom)
Rachel Duran – Kansas Division of Water Resources (Via Zoom)

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

10:33 a.m. – Call to Order

- Matthew Carter was sworn in as the new Director for Crowley County.
 - Director Carter introduced himself with General Manager Goble stating that LAVWCD is excited to work with him.

Approve Agenda

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

10:41 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Esquibel 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 Nunez 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.

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 to discuss the draft budget.
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

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.
 - Acquisition Committee Minutes – August 17, 2021
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021
 - Personnel Committee Minutes – August 18, 2021
 - August 2021 Financials
- Director Chavez moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Action

- Director Nunez moved to accept Resolution 2021-01, thank past Director Valliant for all his time, effort, and hard work, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Director Esquibel moved to approve Brenda Fillmore as the 2022 Budget Officer, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.
- Director Chavez moved to approve the 2022 Draft Budget, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.



General Manager’s Report

- General Manager Jack Goble thanked former Director Valliant for all his work, not only on the LAVWCD board but throughout the Arkansas Valley.
- General Manager Goble officially welcomed Director Carter.
- General Manager Goble introduced LAVWCD’s new employee, Brad Lubbers, who will be the Water Resources Specialist and will be taking over water quality and soil health.
- General Manager Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on reservoir levels.
 - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Goble introduced Lee Hancock, LAVWCD’s Conservation Easement Consultant, to provide some insight on Conservation Easements and discussed the Board’s position on marijuana grows when involving conservation easements.
- General Manager Goble offered our sympathies and support to the Wiley Community

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 11:10 p.m., Director Nunez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill Chairman

Melissa Esquibel Secretary