

**April 15, 2015**  
**Minutes-Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 commencing at 10:31 A.M, at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with all Directors present.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Lynden Gill-Chairman  
Leroy Mauch-Vice Chairman  
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary  
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer  
Anthony Nunez  
Reeves Brown  
Jim Valliant

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Winner-General Manager  
Bill Hancock-Conservation Program Manager  
Jack Goble, P.E.-District Engineer  
Carla Aragon-Quezada-Office Manager  
Brenda Fillmore-Finance/Water  
Bart Mendenhall-Attorney  
Peter Nichols-Special Attorney

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE:**

Director Nunez moved that the Board recess the regular Board Meeting and open the Water Activity Enterprise meeting, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion unanimously carried.

At the conclusion of the Water Activity Enterprise meeting Director Mauch moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:35A.M., seconded by Director Whittaker. Motion unanimously carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:** Chairman Gill welcomed each of the visitors to the meeting, asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization which they represent.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; Roy Vaughan, BOR; Fred Heckman, Ft Lyon Farmer; Alan Ward, Pueblo Water; Jack Goble, LAVWCD; Scott Lorenz, CSU; Jim Baldwin, Otero County Commissioner; Bill Hancock, LAVWCD; Cathy Garcia, Senator Gardner's Office; Keith Goodwin, Otero County Commissioner; Lorenez Sutherland, Retired; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Waters; Matt Heimerich, Palmer Land Trust; John Schweizer, Super Ditch; Kelly Roesch, Pure Cycle; Cathy Parker, CWPDA; Lane Simmons, CSU-Research Center; Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune; and Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- ❖ *February 18, 2015 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the February 18, 2015 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Esquibel moved to approve the minutes for February 18, 2015, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.
- ❖ *January 20, 2015 Work Session Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the work minutes for the January 20, 2015 Work Session meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Whittaker moved to approve the minutes for January 20, 2015, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion unanimously carried.
- ❖ *February 18, 2015 Work Session Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the work minutes for the February 18, 2015 Work Session meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Esquibel moved to approve the minutes for February 18, 2015, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chairman Gill reported that the financial report for the month of February was included in the Board's Monthly Meeting Packet. Director Whittaker reported February total revenues \$508,475.29 and total expenditures \$114,979.71 with total net \$393,495.58. Director Whittaker moved to accept the February Financial Statement, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Gill reported that the financial report for the month of March was included in the Board's Monthly Meeting Packet. Director Whittaker reported March total revenues \$5,974.84 and the total for expenditures \$270,787.97 with the total net <\$264,813.13>. Director Whittaker moved to accept the March Financial Statement, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion unanimously carried.

**GM REPORT:**

General Manager Winner introduced Lorenz Sutherland, Retired NRCS. Mr. Sutherland gave a powerpoint presentation on Implementing Drainage Best Management Practices in the Lower Arkansas Valley, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit A.**

General Manager Winner introduced Roy Vaughan, BOR. Mr. Vaughn gave an update on the Reclamation managing water in the west as of April 13, 2015, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit B.**

General Manager introduced Steve Sanchez, U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Sanchez gave a powerpoint presentation on Lake Isabel History, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit C.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Personnel: None.

Acquisition: None.

Legal: None

**BOARD ACTION:** None

**LEGAL REPORT:**

**Attorney Bart Mendenhall:** Attorney Mendenhall's stated that a copy of his legal report is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit D.**

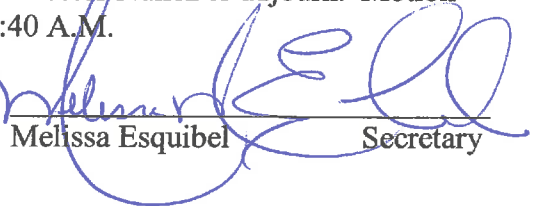
**Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP Peter Nichols:** A copy of Attorney Nichols' legal report is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit E.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNED:**

Chairman Gill asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board. Hearing none, motion was made by Director Mauch, seconded by Director Nunez to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

  
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Lynden Gill                          Chairman

  
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Melissa Esquibel                          Secretary