

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

**The Lower Arkansas Valley Water
Conservancy District Regular Monthly
Meeting of the Board will be held**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016
10:30 A.M. Enterprise and General Session**

**801 Swink Avenue
Rocky Ford, CO 81067**

**LAVWCD Phone Number: 254-5115
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Agenda April 20, 2016

Call to Order Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Enterprise Meeting-Approve Minutes, February 17, 2016

Treasurer's Report- Approve February and March Financial Statements

Reconvene Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Introduction of Visitors

Approve Minutes-Regular Board Meeting & Work Session Minutes, February 17, 2016

Treasurer's Report-Approve February and March Financial Statements

General Manager Jay Winner

- Hancock- Froese & Company LLC, Certified Public Accountants- Audit 2015
- Mike Holmberg, Hydrologist, USGS -Update on Groundwater Levels and Water-Level Changes in the Valley-fill Aquifers of the Lower Arkansas River Valley
- Roy Vaughan, BOR- Update
- Bill Hancock, Conservation Program Manager, LAVWCD –two, (2) Conservation Easements: Rex C and Kristin A Reyher, and Stanley V and Lora L Cline

Directors' Discussion

Board Action

- Resolution 2016-01, CE Rex C and Kristin A Reyher
- Resolution 2016-02, CE Stanley V and Lora L Cline

Legal Report

- Legal-Director Esquibel
- Attorney Bart Mendenhall
- Attorney Peter Nichols

Public Comment

Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

April 20, 2016
Minutes-Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 commencing at 10:31 A.M., at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Director Nunez being excused.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Anthony Nunez

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-Attorney

MOTION TO ENTER INTO WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE:

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

At the conclusion of the Water Activity Enterprise meeting Director Esquibel moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:35 A.M., seconded by Director Valliant. 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:

Roy Vaughan, BOR; Jack Goble, LAVWCD; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water; Patrick Hancock, Hancock-Froese, LLC; Dan Butterfield, Larkspur Ditch; Lane Simmons, CSU-Research Center; Bill Hancock, LAVWCD; Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain; Blake Osborn, CSU-Ext; Dave Donnell, Higbee; Kimmi Lewis, Kim; Jim Baldwin, Otero County Commissioner; Keith Lewis, Fowler; Alan Ward, Pueblo Water; Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune; Dwight Proctor, La Junta; John Schweizer, Super Ditch; Mike Holmberg, USGS; Bill Banks, USGS; Jack Yahlich, Fowler; Donny Hansen, Cheraw; Norman Kincaide, Rocky Ford; Phillip Chavez, Diamond A.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ *February 17, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the February 17, 2016 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Esquibel moved to approve the minutes for February 17, 2016, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.
- ❖ *February 17, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the work session minutes for the February 17, 2016 Work Session meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Esquibel moved to approve the work session minutes for February 17, 2016, seconded by Director Brown. 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 were \$517,351.33 and the total expenditures were \$90,226.19 with the total net were \$427,125.14. 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 were \$177,799.74 and the total expenditures were \$121,666.11 with the total net were \$56,133.63. Director Whittaker moved to accept the March Financial Statement, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

GM REPORT:

General Manager Winner introduced Patrick Hancock, Hancock-Froese, LLC.

Mr. Hancock stated that all the Board Members had a copy of the December 31, 2015 Financial Statements. He stated that after the Board Members had time to review the document, if there were any questions, to contact him. Mr. Hancock briefly discussed each financial statement in the hand out and stated that the District was in complete compliance with their budget which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit A.**

General Manager Winner introduced Mike Holmberg, Project Chief, USGS. Mr. Holmberg gave a presentation on the Lower Arkansas River Valley Groundwater Maps, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit B.**

General Manager Winner introduced Roy Vaughan, BOR. Mr. Vaughan gave a presentation on Reclamation Managing Water in the West as of April 18, 2016, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit C.**

General Manager Winner introduced Bill Hancock, Conservation Program Manager for LAVWCD. Mr. Hancock gave a Powerpoint presentation on (2) two Conservation Easements. One on Rex C. Rehyer and Kristin A Reyher of Bent County and the second one on Stanley V and Lora L Cline of Bent County. Mr. Hancock gave credit to Jack Goble, P.E. who is the Engineer for LAVWCD. LAVWCD purchased a drone and Mr. Goble guided the drone on the property of the two. General Manager Winner noted that this instrument (drone) will help with the LAVWCD Conservation Easements stewardships. Mr. Hancock's powerpoint which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit D.**

General Manager Winner stated that on March 15, 2016 dinner was successful for the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) held at the Inspiration Field in La Junta, Colorado. He stated that CDM of Colorado Springs was the sponsor for Social Hour. The three (3) tours were successful as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel: None.

Acquisition: None.

Legal: None

DIRECTORS DISCUSSION: None

BOARD ACTION:

Resolution 2016-01

Rex C. Rehyer and Kristin A. Reyher, have respectively proposed a conservation easement to be conveyed to the District in 2016, consisting of 283 irrigated acres with 368 shares of capital stock of the Fort Lyon Canal Company in Bent County, Colorado, and Whereas, said easement property is within the boundaries of the District, located in the drainage of the Arkansas River, and Whereas, acceptance of this easement will further the purpose of the District in that it will

preserve the water rights associated with the real property and irrigated agriculture in the District. The proposed easement with farmland and water rights is designed to further the District's Ag to Municipal lease-fallow program along with assisting a young farmer become established and ownership of deed irrigated farmland. Motion was made by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Brown, to adopt Resolution 2016-01. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 2016-02

Stanley V. Cline and Lora L. Cline, have respectively proposed a conservation easement to be conveyed to the District in 2016, consisting of 337 irrigated acres and 351 shares of capital stock of the Fort Lyon Canal Company in Bent County, Colorado, and Whereas, said easement property is within the boundaries of the District, located in the drainage of the Arkansas River, and Whereas acceptance of this easement will further the purpose of the District in that it will preserve the water rights associated with the real property and irrigated agriculture in the District. The proposed easement with farmland and water rights is designed to further the District's Ag to Municipal lease-fallow program. Motion was made by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Valliant, to adopt Resolution 2016-01. Motion unanimously carried.

LEGAL REPORT:

Attorney Bart Mendenhall: A copy of Attorney Mendenhall's legal report is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit E**.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dwight Proctor introduced Ms. Kimmi Lewis from Kim, Colorado. She stated that she is running for office and would like to learn more about water issues.

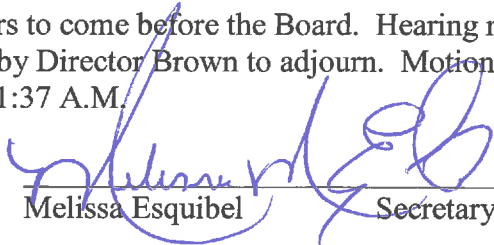
Dwight Proctor wanted to ask the board about a dam on Fountain Creek. General Manager Winner stated that he needed to get on the agenda for the May Board Meeting.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Gill asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board. Hearing none, motion was made by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Brown to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 A.M.


Lynden Gill

Chairman


Melissa Esquibel

Secretary