

**April 18, 2018**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 commencing at 10:33 A.M., at 801 Swink Ave., Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

**Directors Present**

Lynden Gill – Chairman  
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman  
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary  
Jim Valliant – Treasurer  
Reeves Brown  
Phillip Chavez  
Anthony Nunez

**Directors Absent**

**District Staff Present**

Jay Winner – General Manager  
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant  
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water  
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer  
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant  
Bart Mendenhall – Legal Counsel  
Jessica Rein – Administrative Assistant

**District Staff Absent**

Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer  
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

**Guests Present**

Dwight Gardner – U.S. Senator Bennet Representative  
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen  
Jean Van Pelt – Zinno Subdivision  
Roy Vaughn – U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Alan Ward – Pueblo Board of Water Works  
Rick Kienitz – Aurora Water  
John Schweizer – Super Ditch President  
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune Democrat  
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette  
Fred Heckman – Fort Lyon Farmer  
Jenny Bishop – Colorado Springs Utilities  
Bill Banks – US Geological Survey

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

**10:34 A.M. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise**

- Director Nunez 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 Esquibel and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

#### **10:37 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 Minutes**

- Minutes for the March 21, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Nunez, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes for the March 21, 2018 Executive Session Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- The General Fund Treasurer's report, given by Director Valliant states that the General Fund totals for March were:
  - Total Revenues - \$170,455.14
  - Total Expenses - \$388,622.33
  - Net Income – (-\$218,177.19)
- Financials for March 2018 were approved with a motion by Director Valliant, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Director's Discussion**

- Director Valliant gave an update on the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, stating that it had a great response and great attendance. The Silent Auction to benefit college student scholarships was the best auction they have had yet.
  - Chairman Gill thanked Director Valliant and Jean Van Pelt for all their hard work on the Forum.

#### **General Manager's Report**

- General Manager Winner gave an update on the projects the LAVWCD are currently working on.
  - **EXHIBIT A**
- Next, General Manager Winner commented that Mike Weber is now on the Regulation 85 stakeholder committee, who attended an Environmental Protection Agency meeting regarding Regulation 85.
- General Manager Winner then discussed how Colorado Springs Utilities plans on starting a 10 year pilot project for lease-fallowing.
- General Manager Winner also discussed the fires and how there is still work being done on the Beulah Fire that was 2 years ago. He discussed getting money for the fire mitigation and that the Drought Task Force will be starting up again.
- Next, General Manager Winner introduced Roy Vaughan from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on the Reservoir levels.

