

December 11, 2019
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 commencing at 10:44 a.m. at 108 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Phillip Chavez
Reeves Brown
Anthony Nunez

Directors Absent

Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
Jim Valliant – Treasurer

District Staff Present

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

District Staff Absent

Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer
Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer
Amber Weber – District Consultant

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with directors Valliant and Esquibel absent.

10:45 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Muach moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Nunez seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Nunez and seconded by Director Mauch. It carried unanimously.

10:45 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 November 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Nunez, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Director Chavez stated no financial report was given due to the earlier date of the regular board meeting and approval of the budget for 2020.

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Winner stated that future board meetings could be moved to a different time of the month due to conflicts with CWCB and the Arkansas Valley Roundtable meetings.
- General Manager Winner announced that the district has hired Nate Finnell to assist with various projects.
- General Manager Winner stated the settlement with Colorado Springs is moving along but some issues are still being resolved.
- General Manager Winner announced that himself along with Director Chavez were recommended to apply for the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee and were going through the process of applying.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel:* None
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* None
- *Executive:* None
- *Legal:* None

Board Action

- Director Chavez moved to approve the budget for 2020, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Report

- *Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Mendenhall and Malouff:* A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.
- *Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP:* A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.

Directors Discussion

- Chairman Gill commented on how successful the ARCA meeting was and how receptive the individuals were about water.
- Director Mauch thanked the staff and General Manager Winner for all they do and on a successful year while also commenting on what a great staff LAVWCD now possesses.

