

**February 15, 2012**  
**Minutes-Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 commencing at 10:39 A.M, at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Pete Moore-Chairman  
Lynden Gill-Vice Chairman  
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary  
Wayne Whittaker –Treasurer  
Leroy Mauch  
Reeves Brown

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Winner-General Manager  
Bill Hancock-Conservation Program Manager  
Carla Aragon-Quezada-Office Manager  
Brenda Fillmore-Finance/Water  
Bart Mendenhall-Attorney

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Anthony Nunez

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

Director Mauch 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 Gill moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:42 A.M., seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion unanimously carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:**

Chairman Moore welcomed each of the visitors to the meeting, asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization which they represent.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Roy Vaughn, USBR; Scott Lorenz, AGUA; Rick Kientz, Aurora Water; Doris Morgan, Congressman Gardner's Office; Jim Baldwin and Keith Goodwin, Commissioners for Otero

County; Bill Hancock, LAVWCD; John Knapp, USDA, NRCS; Tammy Ivahnenko, USGS; Fred Heckman, Fort Lyon Canal; Ann Lopkoff, CWPDA; Bette Mc Farren, LJ Tribune, Mary Alice Whittaker, Rocky Ford; Don McBee, Fort Lyon Canal; Henry Schnabel, Commissioner for Prowers County; John Schweizer, Super Ditch Company; Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain; Jim Baldwin and Keith Goodwin, Commissioners for Otero County.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- ❖ *January 18, 2012 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Moore asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the January 18, 2012 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Brown moved to approve the minutes for January 18, 2012, seconded by Director Gill. Motion unanimously carried.
  
- ❖ *January 18, 2012 Work Session Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Moore asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the January 18, 2012 Work Session meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Gill moved to approve the minutes for January 18, 2012, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chairman Moore reported that the financial report for the month of January was included in the Board's Monthly Meeting Packet. Treasurer Whittaker reported January total revenues \$94,787.96 and total expenditures \$69,576.25 with total net \$25,211.71. Director Whittaker moved to accept the January Financial Statement, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **GM REPORT:**

General Manager introduced Roy Vaughn of Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

#### **PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Vaughn presented to the board of directors a power point presentation on Reclamation Managing Water in the West, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit A.**

General Manager introduced Bill Hancock, Conservation Program Manager, of LAVWCD. Mr. Hancock gave a power point presentation on a Conservation Easement for Mark R. and Laura D. Harwood, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit B.**

General Manager Winner presented to the Board of Directors two (2) videos. First one was on the Water 2012, which was presented at the Colorado Water Congress in Denver on January 25,

2012 and the second one was the speech of President John F Kennedy at Pueblo, Colorado the video of which was provided by the Southeast Colorado Water Conservancy District (SECWCD).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Personnel: None.

Acquisition: None.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution 12-01

The Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District holds a conservation easement donated by Mark R. and Laura D. Harwood and has respectively proposed a conservation easement to be conveyed to the District in 2012, consisting of 150 acres of irrigated farmland and 145 shares of Holbrook Mutual Ditch, in Otero County, Colorado. Motion was made by Director Esquibel with the amended corrections from Attorney Mendenhall, seconded by Director Mauch, to adopt Resolution 12-01. Motion unanimously carried.

Director Esquibel moved to support the Arkansas Basin Water Forum to be held in Leadville, Colorado on April 25-26, 2012 for a \$1,000.00 donation, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion unanimously carried.

**LEGAL REPORT:**

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

**Trout, Raley, Montano, Witwer & Freeman, PC**


**Attorney Peter Nichols:** A copy of Attorney Nichols' legal report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit D.


**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Knapp, director of the USDA, NRCS in the La Junta office stated NRCS is interested in helping the farmer on farm improvements. There is more interest than ever before.

**ADJOURNED:**

Chairman Moore asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board. Hearing none, motion was made by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 A.M.

  
Pete Moore Chairman

  
Melissa Esquibel Secretary