

January 21, 2015
Minutes-Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 commencing at 10:35 A.M., at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel, and Nunez being excused.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTOR ABSENT:

Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Anthony Nunez

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Winner-General Manager
Jack Goble, P.E.-District Engineer
Carla Aragon-Quezada-Office Manager
Brenda Fillmore-Finance/Water
Bart Mendenhall-Attorney

DISTRICT STAFF ABSENT:

Bill Hancock-Conservation Program Manager

MOTION TO ENTER INTO WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE:

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

At the conclusion of the Water Activity Enterprise meeting Director Brown moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:41A.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:

Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; Jim Baldwin, Otero County Commissioner; Keith Goodwin, Otero County Commissioner; Lorenz Sutherland, La Junta; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water; John Schweizer, Super Ditch; Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain; Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune; John Knapp, Rocky Ford; Brian Lauristen, Valley Ag; Gerry Knudsen, AgriTech; Jack Goble, LAVWCD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ *December 9, 2014 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the December 9, 2014 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Mauch moved to approve the minutes for December 9, 2014, seconded by Director Whittaker. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chairman Gill reported that the financial report for the month of December was included in the Board's Monthly Meeting Packet. Director Whittaker reported December total revenues \$11,516.03 and total expenditures \$737,388.68 with total net <\$725,872.65>. Director Whittaker moved to accept the December Financial Statement, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion unanimously carried.

OFFICIAL DISTRICT BUSINESS:

Oath of Office:

Notary Carla Quezada swore in re-appointed Director Melissa Esquibel and notarized the Oath of Office Statement on January 20, 2015 with Patricia Henschel as a witness.

Legal Postings:

Pursuant to C.R.S. 32-1-903(1), the Board must designate dates and post the time and place for all Board meetings for 2015. General Manager Winner suggested that the Regular Board meeting dates stay the same third Wednesday of the month with the exception of December. Chairman Gill asked if that is acceptable, Director Mauch made a motion to accept the designated time and place for all Board meetings for 2015, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

Posting of the Board meetings will be at Lower Arkansas Valley Conservancy District's Office, 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, Colorado. Director Whittaker made a motion to accept the

designated place to post all Board meetings for 2015, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

Elections:

General Manager Winner announced a re-organization meeting of the Board is needed to elect Board Officers. Director Brown moved to re-nominate and re-elect the current slate of officers for 2015, as follows: Director Gill as Chairman; Director Mauch as Vice-Chairman; Director Esquibel as Secretary; Director Whittaker as Treasurer; seconded by Director Valliant. Vote was unanimous for election of each officer.

LAVWCD Board Directors for 2015: Chairman, Lynden Gill; Vice-Chairman, Leroy Mauch; Secretary, Melissa Esquibel; Treasurer, Wayne Whittaker; Directors Anthony Nunez, Reeves Brown and Jim Valliant.

GM REPORT:

General Manager Winner introduced Gerry Knudsen, AgriTech. Mr. Knudsen gave an update on the Pond Study. He stated that the report is due to the state by January 31, 2015.

General Manager Winner gave an update on the Super Ditch Pilot Program.

General Manager Winner gave an update on the Colorado Springs Stormwater.

General Manager Winner stated that 2 (two) grants will be going in front of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The Arkansas Basin Watershed Collaborative Grant and Phase II, Repurposing of Water Supply for Multiple Beneficial Use Grant.

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 A.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

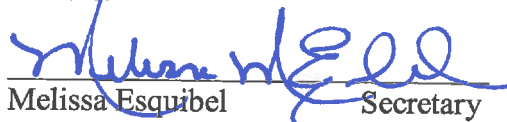
John Schweizer, President of the Super Ditch Company stood up and thanked the LAVWCD Directors and staff for working on the Catlin Pilot Program.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Gill asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board. Hearing none, motion was made by Director Whittaker, seconded by Director Brown to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.



Lynden Gill Chairman



Melissa Esquibel Secretary