

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

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

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

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

**LAVWCD Phone Number: 254-5115
LAVWCD Fax Number: 254-5150**

Agenda - Amended January 20, 2016

Call to Order Regular Monthly Board Meeting

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- Election of Officers
- Postings

Enterprise Meeting-Approve December 9, Minutes

Treasurer's Report- Approve December Financial Statements

Reconvene Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Introduction of Visitors

Approve Minutes-Regular Board Meeting & Work Session Minutes, December 9, 2015

Treasurer's Report-Approve December Financial Statements

General Manager Jay Winner

- Karl Wetlaufer, Hydrologist, USDA-NRCS, Colorado Snow Survey
- Judy Lopez, Program Director, Rio Grande Watershed Conservation & Education Initiative –
Presentation on ENVIRTHON

Directors' Discussion

Board Action

- Letter to Bureau of Reclamation, Roy Vaughn
- Letter to Pueblo County

Legal Report

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

Public Comment

Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

January 20, 2016
Minutes-Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 commencing at 10:32 A.M, at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynden Gill-Chairman
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer
Anthony Nunez
Reeves Brown
Jim Valliant

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Leroy Mauch-Vice Chairman

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
Peter Nichols-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 Whittaker. Motion unanimously carried.

At the conclusion of the Water Activity Enterprise meeting Director Whittaker moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:36 A.M., seconded by Director Esquibel. 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:

Donald McBee, CACD; Dwight Gardner, U.S. Senator Bennet's Office; Ryan Hydry, NRCS; Karl Wetlaufer, NRCS; John Schwizer, SD; Fred Heckman, Farmer; Bill Banks, USGS, Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain; Mark Pifher, CSU; Burt Heckman, Farmer; Judy Lopez, Rio Grande Watershed Conservation; Lane Simmons, CSU-Research Center; Jack Goble, LAVWCD; Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ *December 9, 2015 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the December 9, 2015 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Esquibel moved to approve the minutes for December 9, 2015, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.
- ❖ *December 8, 2015 Work Session Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the work session minutes for the December 8, 2015 Work Session meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Esquibel moved to approve the work session minutes for December 8, 2015, seconded by Director Nunez. 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 \$11,502.51 and total expenditures \$131,896.07 with total net <\$120,393.56> Director Whittaker moved to accept the December Financial Statement, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

OFFICIAL DISTRICT BUSINESS:

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 2016. 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 Whittaker made a motion to accept the designated time and place for all Board meetings for 2016, 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 2016, 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 Esquibel moved to re-nominate and re-elect the current slate of officers for 2016, as follows: Director Gill as Chairman; Director Mauch as Vice-Chairman; Director Esquibel as Secretary; Director Whittaker as Treasurer; seconded by Director Nunez. Vote was unanimous for election of each officer.

LAVWCD Board Directors for 2016: 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 Karl Wetlaufer, Hydrologist, USDA-NRCS. Mr. Wetlaufer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Colorado Snow Survey, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit A.**

General Manager Winner introduced Judy Lopez, Rio Grande Watershed Conservation & Education. Ms. Lopez gave a presentation on Colorado ENVIROTHON, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit B.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel: None.

Acquisition: None.

Legal: None

DIRECTORS DISCUSSION: None

BOARD ACTION:

Director Brown made a motion to give a donation of \$1,872.00 to the 1872 Foundation, Colorado State Fair, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.

Director Nunez made a motion to send a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in regards to the Record of Decision issued for the Southern Delivery System and also, to send the same letter

to the Pueblo City Council Member and the Pueblo County Commissioners, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion unanimously carried.

Director Nunez made a motion to send a letter to the Pueblo County Commissioners in regards to the City of Colorado Springs Southern Delivery System and also, to send the same letter to the Pueblo City Council Member and the Pueblo County Commissioners, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion unanimously carried.

LEGAL REPORT:

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

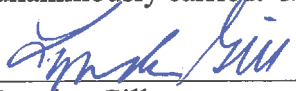
Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP Peter Nichols: A copy of Attorney Nichols' legal report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit D.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Pifher, CSU gave an update on the Stormwater issue.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Gill asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board. Hearing none, motion was made by Director Brown, seconded by Director Nunez to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 A.M.



Lynden Gill Chairman



Melissa Esquibel Secretary