

January 18, 2017
Minutes-Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 Valliant being excused.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynden Gill-Chairman
Leroy Mauch-Vice Chairman
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer
Anthony Nunez
Reeves Brown

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Jim Valliant

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

At the conclusion of the Water Activity Enterprise meeting Director Mauch moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:41 A.M., seconded by Director Whittaker. 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:

Mike Weber, LAVWCD; Jack Goble, LAVWCD; Scott Lorenz, CSU; Cathy Garcia, Senator Gardner's Office; Alan Ward, Pueblo Water; Bill Banks, USGS, Mike Holmberg, USGS; John Schweizer, Super Ditch; Fred Heckman, Farmer; Tom Grasmick, Prowers County Commissioner; Dorothy Perea, Rocky Ford Daily Gazette; Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune; Burt Heckman, McClave Farmer; Roy Vaughan, BOR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ *December 7, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the December 7, 2016 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Nunez moved to approve the minutes for December 7, 2016, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chairman Gill reported that the financial report for the month of November and December are included in the Board's Monthly Meeting Packet. Director Whittaker reported November total revenues \$22,165.83 and total expenditures \$97,785.45 with total net <\$75,619.62>. Director Whittaker reported December total revenues \$14,342.04 and total expenditures \$486,065.66 with total net <\$471,723.62> Director Whittaker moved to accept the November and December Financial Statements, 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 2017. 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 2017, seconded by Director Mauch. 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 2017, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion unanimously carried.

Elections:

General Manager Winner announced a re-organization meeting of the Board is needed to elect Board Officers. Director Nunez moved to re-nominate and re-elect the current slate of officers for 2017, as follows: Director Gill as Chairman; Director Mauch as Vice-Chairman; Director Esquibel as Secretary; Director Whittaker as Treasurer; seconded by Director Brown. Vote was unanimous for election of each officer.

GM REPORT:

General Manager Winner thanked Ms. Cathy Garcia, Representative from Senator Cory Gardner's office. General Manager Winner, Ms. Garcia and also, Representative from Congressman Scott Tipton's office in Pueblo met in Pueblo to discuss the Point source and Non-point source pollutants. What was discussed was how to improve the health of the river. In order for this to work, Mr. Winner stated that a small group would have to work to come up with a design and present to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). General Manager Winner stated that Senator Gardner and Congressman Tipton are very interested in solving this problem.

General Manager Winner introduced Mike Holmberg, USGS. Mr. Holmberg gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Hydrogeological Characteristics and Geospatial Analysis of Water-Table Changes in the Alluvium of the Lower Arkansas River Valley, Southeastern Colorado, 2002, 2008, and 2015, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit A.**

General Manager Winner introduced Mike Weber, E.I.T., LAVWCD. Mr. Weber gave a PowerPoint presentation on 2016 Conservation Easement Overview for LAVWCD, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit B.**

General Manager Winner introduced Roy Vaughan, BOR. Mr. Vaughan gave a PowerPoint presentation on Reclamation Managing Water in the West as of January 11, 2017, which is attached to the minutes as **Exhibit C.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel: None.

Acquisition: None.

Legal: None

