

July 17, 2019
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 commencing at 10:34 a.m. at 801 Swink Ave., Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Jim Valliant – Treasurer
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
Reeves Brown

Directors Absent

Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Anthony Nunez
Phillip Chavez

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

District Staff Absent

Bart Mendenhall – Legal Counsel
Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Amber Weber – District Consultant

Guests Present

Fred Heckman – Fort Lyon Canal Company
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune
Roy Vaughn – Bureau of Reclamation
Kathy Garcia – U.S. Senator Gardner
John Orona – U.S. Senator Gardner
Israel Ortega – City of Aurora

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Directors Nunez, Mauch, and Chavez absent.

10:34 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

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

10:38 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 May 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes for the May 15, 2019 Executive Session Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Valliant, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Financials for May and June 2019 were approved with a motion by Director Valliant, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Winner introduced Roy Vaughn from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on the Reservoir levels.
 - **EXHIBIT A**
- Next, General Manager Winner introduced Lee Hancock who gave a Legislative Update on the appraisal process for Conservation Easements.
 - **EXHIBIT B**
- General Manager Winner then discussed providing the Super Ditch Company a Line of Credit.
 - Director Brown moved to give the Super Ditch Company a line of credit with LAVWCD for \$100,000 for 12 months starting June 1, 2019 that will include all legal and other supporting documents, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.
- General Manager Winner next discussed the challenges encountered with conferences that include numerous agencies but limited farmers and announced that Amber Weber will be putting on mini conferences in the upcoming year so that farmers can become more involved with water quality and soil health.
- Finally, General Manager Winner and Chairman Gill introduced two of LAVWCD interns, Chase Roweth and Santino Mendoza.

Committee Reports

- *Personnel*: None
- *Acquisition*: None
- *Ethics*: None
- *Finance/Budget*: Director Valliant reported that the Finance Committee met before the Regular Board Meeting and would meet before every Regular Board Meeting.
- *Executive*: None
- *Legal*: None

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.

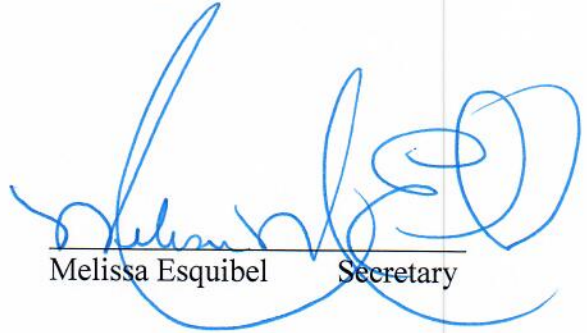
Adjourn

At 11:25 a.m., Director Esquibel moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill

Chairman



Melissa Esquibel

Secretary