

June 20, 2018
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 commencing at 10:32 A.M., at 801 Swink Ave., Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Jim Valliant – Treasurer
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
Reeves Brown
Phillip Chavez

Directors Absent

Anthony Nunez

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer
Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer
Jessica Rein – Administrative Assistant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Levi Collins – District Intern
Chase Roweth – District Intern
Dillon O’Neal – District Intern

District Staff Absent

Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Bart Mendenhall – Legal Counsel

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Terry Dawson – U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Alan Ward – Pueblo Board of Water Works
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Fred Heckman – Fort Lyon Farmer
Burt Heckman – Fort Lyon Farmer
Keith Goodwin – Otero County Commissioner
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources
Bethany Arnold – Division of Water Resources
Bill Banks - US Geological Survey
Megan Gutwein – Burg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Director Nunez absent.

10:33 A.M. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

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

10:36 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.
- Chairman Gill and Mike Weber introduced the interns that LAVWCD hired.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the May 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Mauch, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes for the May 16, 2018 Executive Session Minutes were approved with a motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Financials for May 2018 were approved with a motion by Director Valliant, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Winner reported that the 319 Water Quality grant is under contract, and also reported that LAVWCD will be implementing another 3-year Head Stabilization Pond Seepage Study with 8-12 ponds involved per year.
- Next, General Manager Winner reported that LAVWCD will be submitting a grant request for deficit and split-season irrigation to CDPHE and CWCB.
- Then, General Manager Winner introduced Terry Dawson from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on the Reservoir levels.
 - **EXHIBIT A**
- The Arkansas River: Leadville to Lamar was then played and can be found on the LAVWCD's website at <http://www.lavwcd.com>.
- Finally, General Manager Winner stated that the Super Ditch Meeting would be held after the Regular Board Meeting.

Director's Discussion

- Chairman Gill commented on the article about Director Brown and his wife Betsy that was in The Fence Post from January 2018.
 - **EXHIBIT B**

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: Legal Report is attached as **EXHIBIT C**
- Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: Legal Report is attached at **EXHIBIT D**

Public Comment

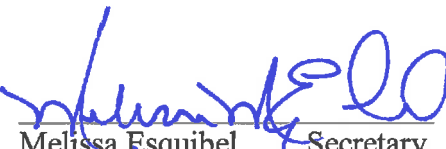
- Fred Hackman asked when copies of the Arkansas Basin: Leadville to Lamar video would be available.
 - The documentary can be viewed on LAVWCD website, the PEPO website, and on YouTube.

Adjourn

At 11:52 A.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill Chairman



Melissa Esquibel Secretary