

June 21, 2017
Minutes-Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 commencing at 10:37 A.M., at 113 1st St., Mc Clave, CO 81057.

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynden Gill-Chairman
Leroy Mauch-Vice Chairman
Jim Valliant-Treasurer
Anthony Nunez
Willard Behm

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Reeves Brown

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

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 Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.

At the conclusion of the Water Activity Enterprise meeting Director Valliant moved to adjourn the Water Activity Enterprise meeting and reconvene the District Meeting at 10:40 A.M., seconded by Director Nunez. 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:

Dorothy Perea, Rocky Ford Daily Gazette; Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune; Dwight Proctor, La Junta; Mike Weber, LAVWCD; Dave Donnell, Larkspur; Shawn Mobley, Otero County Sheriff; Bill Hancock, LAVWCD; Larry Abert, Rocky Ford; Jess Downey, Mc Clave; Jack Goble, LAVWCD; Susan Pieper, Rocky Ford; Fred Heckman, Mc Clave; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water; Rena Brand, CPW; Ryan Hemphill, Hasty and Gilbert Groves, Ordway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ *May 17, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-* Chairman Gill asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes for the May 17, 2017 Board meeting and whether there were any corrections or additions. Director Mauch moved to approve the minutes for May 17, 2017, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chairman Gill reported that the financial report for the month of May were included in the Board's monthly meeting packet. Director Valliant, reported May total revenues were \$224,858.73 and the total expenditures were \$149,510.67 with the total net income \$75,348.06. Director Valliant moved to accept the May 2017 Financial Statements, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTORS DISCUSSION: None

GM REPORT:

General Manager Winner stated that he had a couple of things to bring up. The newspaper today likes to push the negative. They don't like to push the positive. It's one of the biggest issues today. I'm disappointed that it barely got picked up. We just had our first ever in the Lower Arkansas Basin and east of Pueblo. This is the first time it ever, ever happened. Jack Goble, Engineer for the LAVWCD was appointed to Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) by Governor Hickenlooper. He represents one (1) of the nine (9) basins. This is a big deal. There's only nine (9) of them in the state of Colorado and none of the newspapers picked this up. I don't think the people understand the magnitude of this.

Reporter, Bette McFarren from La Junta Tribune stated that, she had an article in the newspaper about it. Only because, she looked it up on the CWCB's website.

General Manager Winner replied, we appreciate it. For Southeast Colorado, it's a very, very important. It's about making policy.

General Manager Winner gave an update on the Water Quality Control Meeting. He stated that they have two (2) finalist, who will be selected to be a representative on the Water Quality Control Division Committee. One (1) of the finalist is Mike Weber, E.I.T. for LAVWCD. The committee is strongly interested in having a Water Quality tour here in the valley sometime in October.

In the Board Packet #2, General Manager gave an update on John Martin Reservoir's, New Storage Account Study- Phase I. The Preliminary Draft Report was well written by Deere & Ault, Consultants, Inc. out of Longmont.

In the Board Packet #3, General Manager gave an update on Colorado Nonpoint Source – FFY2017 Watershed Plan – Project Implementation Plan (PIP). It's all about how to manage this entire watershed for the future. How can we convince the State that we want to take this on. How is it important to have a Watershed Plan below John Martin Reservoir (JMR).

General Manager Winner gave an update on the interns that have been working for LAVWCD. He stated that there are four (4) interns. One (1) working in Rocky Ford area and three (3) working in the McClave area.

Engineer, Jack Goble introduced intern, T.J. Trujillo of McClave. Mr. Trujillo stated that this was his third summer working under Ryan Hemphill. He stated that he has enjoyed working and has learned a lot. After graduating from college (Colorado State University- Fort Collins). He plans on returning to McClave to give back to the community. Also he hopes to continue his engineering degree in the valley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel: None.

Acquisition: None

Legal: None

BOARD ACTION:

Resolution 2017-35

Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Pueblo, Otero, Crowley, Bent and Prowers Counties, Colorado

Whereas, the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (LAVWCD) owns 14,509.24 shares of stock in Larkspur, Inc., and

Whereas, said stock needs to counted in any voting occurring at the annual meeting of Larkspur, Inc., and

Whereas, the proxies for such stock will consist of several Board members and staff

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

