

March 20, 2019
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 commencing at 10:35 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
Anthony Nunez

Directors Absent

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Bart Mendenhall – Legal Counsel

District Staff Absent

Peter Nichols – Special Counsel
Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant

Guests Present

Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
Israel Ortega – City of Aurora
Rick Kienitz – City of Aurora
Fred Heckman – Fort Lyon Canal Company
Amber Weber – Arkansas Valley Writing & Planning Services
Bethany Arnold – Division of Water Resources
Tom Grasmick – Prowers County Commissioner
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Dwight Gardner – U.S. Senator Bennett
Chelsey Nutter – Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune
Terry Dawson – Bureau of Reclamation

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with no directors absent.

10:35 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Brown moved to recess the regular board meeting to open the Water Enterprise meeting, Director Mauch seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Nunez and seconded by Director Valliant. It carried unanimously.

10:38 a.m. – Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting

- Chairman Gill first thanked the LAVWCD staff, Legal Counsel Mendenhall, and the community for their cooperation and hard work for finishing and completing work on the office.
- *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 February 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Mauch, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Manager's Report

- First, General Manager Winner announced that Director Chavez attended meeting with General Manager Winner, Lee Hancock, and Mike Weber on Monday, March 18 involving the alternative appraisal process with Director Chavez specifically discussing the benefits and how it will help young farmers.
- General Manager Winner then introduced Terry Dawson from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on the Reservoir levels.
 - **EXHIBIT A**
- Next, General Manager Winner introduced Amber Weber to talk about soil health and soil health projects within Colorado in the Arkansas River Basin.
 - The website can be found at www.coloradosoilhealth.weebly.com.
 - **EXHIBIT B**
- General Manager Winner then introduced Mike Weber who gave an update on LAVWCD Projects.
 - **EXHIBIT C**
- Next, General Manager Winner shared an email with the Directors from the State about contract exchanges.
- Finally, General Manager Winner stated that the exchange decree has been finalized but Colorado Springs Utilities continues to drag out the process on their end.

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

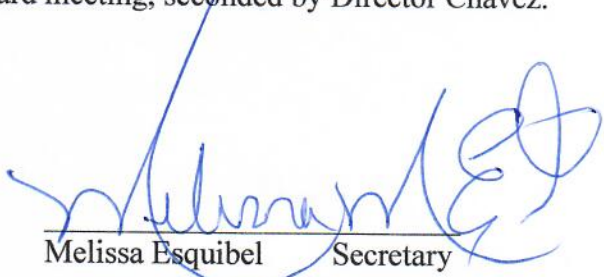
- Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Mendenhall and Malouff: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.
- Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.

Adjourn

At 12:02 p.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill Chairman



Melissa Esquibel Secretary