

October 17, 2018
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 commencing at 10:33 A.M., at 801 Swink Ave., Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
Anthony Nunez

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager
Jack Goble, P.E. – District Engineer
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Bart Mendenhall – Legal Counsel

District Staff Absent

Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

Guests Present

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Roy Vaughn – U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Shane Hayden – U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
J.R. Thompson – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Rick Kienitz – Aurora Water
Bill Tyner – Division of Water Resources
Donny Hansen – Holbrook
John Schweizer – Super Ditch
Bill Hancock – Rocky Ford Citizen
Keith Goodwin – Otero County Commissioner
John Hostetler – Candidate for Otero County Commissioner
John Knapp – Arkansas River Basin Water Forum

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel and Nunez absent.

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

- Director Mauch 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 Brown 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.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the September 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.
- Executive Session Minutes for the September 19, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General Manager’s Report

- First, General Manager Winner announced that the sales contract with Sugar City from 2008 involving 2 shares of water were being bought back by the town of Sugar City.
- Next, General Manager Winner stated he had met with the O’Neal Water System in Pueblo about assisting with their system update which involved 165 taps and 6 commercial taps.
- General Manger Winner then asked Director Chavez to give an update on the Super Ditch.
- General Manager Winner then introduced Shane Hayden from the Bureau of Reclamation, who gave an update on the Reservoir levels.
 - **EXHIBIT A**
- Next, General Manger Winner introduced District Engineer Mike Weber who gave an update on North La Junta.
 - **EXHIBIT B**
- General Manager Winner then introduced District Engineer Jack Goble who gave a presentation on the Colorado River.
 - **EXHIBIT C**
- Finally, General Manager Winner announced that a Soil Health Coalition was being formed for Colorado.

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.

