

September 19, 2018
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 commencing at 10:31 A.M., at 801 Swink Ave., Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Directors Present

Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Jim Valliant – Treasurer
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
Reeves Brown
Phillip Chavez
Anthony Nunez

Directors Absent

Lynden Gill – Chairman

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Rein – Administrative Assistant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Peter Nichols – Special Counsel

District Staff Absent

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

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
Fred Heckman – Fort Lyon Farmer
Israel Ortega – Aurora Water
Bethany Arnold – Division of Water Resources
Donny Hansen – Holbrook
Dwight Gardner – U.S. Senator Bennet
Rick Kientiz – Aurora Water
John Schweizer – Super Ditch
Alan Ward – Pueblo Water
Bill Hancock – Rocky Ford Citizen
Cathy Garcia – U.S. Senator Gardner
George Hanzas – Catlin Canal
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune Democrat
Jollee Hamilton – AG Journal

Vice Chairman Mauch announced a quorum is present with Chairman Gill Absent.

10:31 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 Valliant seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Nunez and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

10:34 A.M. – Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting

- *Introduction of Guests:* Vice Chairman Mauch welcomed the guests and asked them each to introduce themselves and whom they represent.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the July 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Nunez, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes for the July 18, 2018 Executive Session Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Nunez, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Manager's Report

- First, General Manager Winner announced and congratulated Mike Weber on the birth of his daughter.
- 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 Lee Hancock who gave a presentation on an alternative appraisal method for conservation easements.
 - **EXHIBIT B**
- General Manager Winner then noted that the Directors had a copy of the Draft Budget for 2019, asking them to review it and direct any questions to Brenda Fillmore.
- General Manager Winner then announced that a Senate Joint Memorial was going to go to the House this year and will direct Congress to direct the Army Corp of Engineers about engaging in a dredging project in North La Junta.
- Finally, General Manager Winner discussed the new work stations put into the office for the interns and how the work stations are more innovative.

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

Board Action

- Director Brown moved to appoint Brenda Fillmore as the Budget Officer, seconded by Director Nunez. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Report

- Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Mendenhall and Malouff: Legal Counsel Mendenhall was away on vacation and no legal report was provided.
- Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.

Executive Session

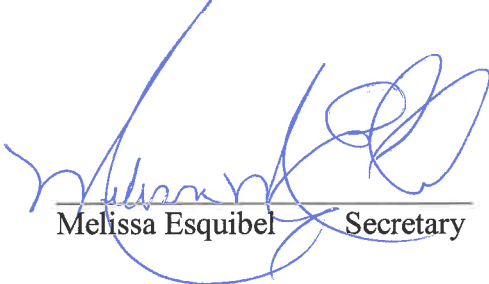
- Director Chavez moved to recess the regular board meeting to open an Executive Session meeting, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
- The purposes of the Executive Session are for discussing matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators [CRS 24-6-402(4)(e)] and for the purpose of conferences with an attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions [CRS 24-6-402(4)(b)].

Adjourn

At 12:05 p.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill Chairman



Melissa Esquibel Secretary