

September 18, 2019
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 commencing at 10:39 a.m. at 121 East 1st Street, McClave, CO 81057.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

District Staff Present

Jay Winner – General Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Mike Weber – Staff Engineer
Amber Weber – District Consultant

District Staff Absent

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

Guests Present

Fred Heckman – Fort Lyon Canal Company
Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen
Israel Ortega – City of Aurora
Donnie McBee – D&D Farm
Alta McBee – D&D Farm
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
Kacey Myers – Arkansas Valley Range Project
Robin Cope – Mosca Hooper Conservation District
Joni Mitchek – Colorado Conservation Tillage Association
Storm Casper – Farm & Ranch Consulting
Chelsey Nutter – Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative
James Conlan – La Junta Tribune
Bill Hancock – Rocky Ford
Clint Evans – National Resource Conservation Service
Judy Bloom – Colorado Environmental Protection Agency
Cindy Lair – Colorado Department of Agriculture
Max Neumever – Mad Ag
Kim McDonnel – Bent County Commissioner

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

10:39 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Nunez 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 Nunez and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

10:45 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 July 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Financials for July and August 2019 were approved with a motion by Director Valliant, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Discussion

- Chairman Gill gave a brief history of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District along with the process and manner of how the district got to soil health.

General Manager's Report

- General Manager Winner introduced Mike Weber who gave a presentation on water quality, soil health, and the intern programs.
 - **EXHIBIT A**
- Next, General Manager Winner introduced Amber Weber who gave a presentation on soil health.
 - **EXHIBIT B**
 - www.coloradosoilhealth.org
- Finally, General Manager Winner introduced Clint Evans with NRCS who discussed soil health.

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

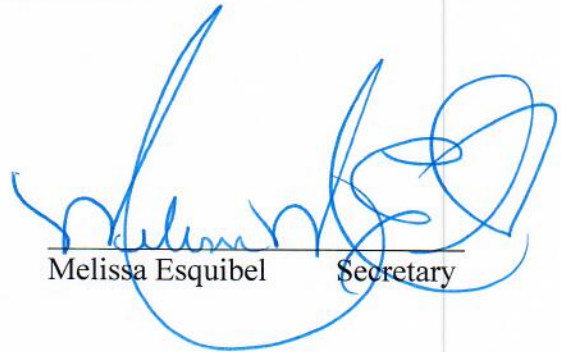
- Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Mendenhall and Malouff: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.
- Attorney Peter Nichols, Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP: A copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.

Adjourn

At 11:56 a.m., Director Chavez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.


Lynden Gill

Chairman


Melissa Esquibel

Secretary