

December 12, 2018
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 commencing at 10:32 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
Gerry Knapp – District Consultant
Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant
Bart Mendenhall – Legal Counsel

District Staff Absent

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

Guests Present

Bill Hancock – Rocky Ford Citizen
Matt Heimerich – Palmer Land Trust
Betty McFarren – La Junta Tribune
Bill Banks – U.S. Geological Survey
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette
John Knapp – Arkansas River Basin Water Forum

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with no directors 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 Nunez and seconded by Director Esquibel. It carried unanimously.

10:35 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 October 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Manager's Report

- First, General Manager Winner commented that Special Counsel Nichols was absent because he had emergency surgery on his back for a ruptured disk.
- Next, General Manager Winner introduced staff engineer Mike Weber who gave an update on the 319 Water Quality projects, specifically dealing with the McClave Lateral and Pond Sealing.
 - **EXHIBIT A**
- General Manager Winner next stated the grant for the storage contract for John Martin Reservoir has been approved.
- General Manager Winner then announced North La Junta is now a Federal issue and has received funding to fix the flooding.
- Next, General Manager Winner congratulated Lee Hancock on being appointed to the Conservation Easement Oversight Commission.
- Finally, General Manager Winner stated the budget had been given to the board and if there were any questions to get ahold of Brenda Fillmore.

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:* Special Counsel Nichols was not present at the meeting but a copy of the legal report can be obtained by visiting the LAVWCD office.

Board Action

- Resolution 2018-04 was approved with changes with a motion by Director Mauch, seconded by Director Valliant. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

- Matt Heimerich distributed Palmer Land Trust’s annual report and discussed his and his colleagues work in Pueblo, mentioning the articles in the middle section. He also thanked the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District for their help and how he appreciated their partnership.

Adjourn

At 11:42 a.m., Director Nunez moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Esquibel. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynden Gill

Chairman

Melissa Esquibel

Secretary