



**February 19, 2020**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 commencing at 10:31 a.m. at 108 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

**District Staff Present**

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

**District Staff Absent**

**Guests Present**

Jolly Rose – Rocky Ford Citizen  
Marty Lee – Rocky Ford Gazette  
Tom Grasmick – Prowers County Commissioner  
Roy Elliot – Crowley County Commissioner  
Bethany Arnold – Division of Water Resources  
Rachel Zuncauella – Division of Water Resources  
Joseph Requir – Division of Water Resources  
John Schweizer – Lower Arkansas Valley Super Ditch Company  
Bill Long – Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
Bill Hancock – Rocky Ford Citizen  
John Knapp – Arkansas River Basin Water Forum  
Kate Greenberg – Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture  
Matt Heimerick – Lake Meredith



Lane Simmons – Arkansas Valley Research Center  
Kasey Myers – City of Aurora  
Bette McFarren – La Junta Tribune  
Bill McCarty – Crowley County Water Association  
Lindy Lair – Colorado Department of Agriculture

**Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with no Directors absent.**

### **Election of Officers**

- Director Brown moved to reappoint the existing officers as per the year before as follows, seconded by Director Nunez:
  - Lynden Gill – Chairman
  - Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
  - Mellissa Esquibel – Secretary
  - Jim Valliant – Treasurer
- General Manager Winner asked the Board of Directors to approve the requirements for LAVWCD postings as per the year before including on the front doors, website, and via email to the mailing list. Director Mauch moved to approve the postings, seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

### **10:32 a.m. – Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise**

- Director Esquibel 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 Valliant and seconded by Director Mauch. 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 Routine Items**

- All items listed in this portion are considered to be routine by LAVWCD and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Director so requests.
  - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019
  - November 2019 Financials
  - December 2019 Financials
  - January 2020 Financials
- Director Nunez moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Board Action**

- General Manager Winner discussed with the board Urban Renewal and the costs associated with them.
  - Director Chavez moved to authorize General Manager Winner to negotiate a better deal with Urban Renewal, seconded by Director Brown.

### **General Manager's Report**

- General Manager Winner first introduced LAVWCD's new employee, Nate Finnell.
- General Manager Winner introduced Bill Long of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District who on behalf of SECWCD, thanked LAVWCD for allowing Jack Goble and Mike Weber to participate on various state boards and presented Jack Goble with a letter of thanks for participating on the Colorado Water Conservation Board.
- General Manager Winner stated that Mike Weber has been appointed to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission.
- General Manager Winner introduced Mike Weber who presented on Reservoir Water Quality.
  - EXHIBIT A
- General Manager Winner introduced Jack Goble who presented on John Martin Reservoir.
  - EXHIBIT B
- General Manager Winner finally introduced the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture who gave an update on the happening of the Department of Agriculture.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Personnel:* None
- *Acquisition:* None
- *Ethics:* None
- *Finance/Budget:* None
- *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.

### **Executive Session**

- Director Esquibel 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 1:22 p.m., Director Brown moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

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Lynden Gill

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Chairman

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Melissa Esquibel

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Secretary

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