

February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, commencing at 10:42 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 and via Zoom.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Jared Gardner – Treasurer
Reeves Brown
Matthew Carter
Anthony Nunez (via Zoom)

Directors Absent

Melissa Esquibel - Secretary

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. - General Manager

Brenda Murr - Finance/Water

Jessica Mills - Educational Outreach & Administrative Assistant

Brad Lubbers - Water Resources Specialist

Blake Osborn - Water Resources Specialist

Nate Finnell - Project Technician

Lee Hancock – Conservation Easement Consultant

Peter Nichols - Special Counsel (via Zoom)

Guests Present

Bette McFarren – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Kelly Roesch – Colorado Springs Utilities
Mike Holmberg – Bureau of Reclamation
Josh Reiner – Amity Mutual Irrigation Company
Jared Prowell – Pueblo West Metro District
Rick Kienitz – Aurora Water
Jacob Bauer – Aurora Water

Curtis Sniff – Fort Lyon Canal Company

Chairman Gill announced a quorum was present with Director Esquibel absent.

Approve Agenda

• Agenda was approved by consensus.

Election of Officers

- Director Brown moved to elect the officers as follows, seconded by Director Nunez. The motion carried unanimously.
 - o Lynden Gill Chairman

- o Leroy Mauch Vice Chairman
- o Melissa Esquibel Secretary
- o Jared Gardner Treasurer

Board Meeting Postings

- General Manager Goble requested that the Board of Directors approve the official meeting notice
 posting location for the District to be the front door of the LAVWCD Rocky Ford office at 801
 Swink Avenue. Goble also noted that the District would continue to post meeting notices on the
 District website and sent via email to the mailing list.
 - Director Mauch moved to approve the official posting location be on the front door of the LAVWCD Rocky Ford office at 801 Swink Avenue, seconded by Director Gardner. It carried unanimously.

10:46 a.m. - Recess to Enter the Water Activity Enterprise

- Director Mauch moved to recess the regular board meeting and open the Water Enterprise meeting. Director Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- [The Water Activity Enterprise meeting minutes are recorded separately from the regular board meeting minutes]
- The Enterprise meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Mauch. It carried unanimously.

10:48 a.m. - Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting

• <u>Introduction of Guests</u>: 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 the LAVWCD and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Director so requests.
 - o Work Session Minutes January 10, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024
 - o January 2023 Financials
- Director Brown moved to approve all Routine Items, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Personnel: None
- Acquisition: None
- Ethics: None
- Finance/Budget: Chairman Gill reported that the Finance Committee met earlier that morning.
- Executive: None
- Legal: None

General Manager's Report

• General Manager Jack Goble introduced Mike Holmberg from the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss reservoir levels and the forecasted import volume for the Fry-Ark Project.

• General Manager Goble introduced Water Resources Specialist Blake Osborn to provide an overview and update on the District's Rule 10 Plans and how they are operated.

Board Action

- Director Carter moved to approve the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District's Communication Plan, seconded by Director Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.
- General Manager Goble provided the audience and Board with a summary of a short film called the *Mirasol: Looking at the Sun*, which was directed by Ben Knight and sponsored by the Palmer Land Conservancy. This film was shown during lunch at the District's January board meeting.
 - O Director Brown moved to partner with the Palmer Land Conservancy and provide \$100,000 to assist with the campaign to present the film titled *Mirasol: Looking at the Sun* to the public. Director Mauch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11:28 a.m. - Executive Session

- At 11:28 a.m., Director Gardner moved that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to Water Purchases, as authorized by C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(b). Director Mauch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Special Counsel Nichols stated that this executive session is attorney-client privileged and that there will be no recording.
- At 12:23 p.m. Chairman Gill declared the executive session adjourned and stated that those present included Directors Mauch, Carter, Brown, Nunez, Gardner, and Gill, along with Special Counsel Peter Nichols and General Manager Jack Goble.

Adjourn

• At 12:23 p.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman

Melissa Esquibel