



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.
 - Lynden Gill – Chairman

- Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
- Melissa Esquibel – Secretary
- 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

- *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 the LAVWCD and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Director so requests.
 - Work Session Minutes – January 10, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2024
 - 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.

