



**February 21, 2024  
Work Session Minutes**

A work session for the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, commencing at 9:13 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 @ 9:26 a.m.)

**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**

Kristie Nackord – Palmer Land Conservancy (via Zoom)  
Bette McFarren – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette  
Kevin McCarty – McCarty Land & Water Valuation, Inc (via Zoom)

**Chairman Gill announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel and Nunez absent.**

**Approve Agenda**

- Agenda was approved by consensus.

**Director's Discussion**

- General Manager Jack Goble introduced Kevin McCarty with McCarty Land & Water Valuation, Inc. Kevin discussed his efforts to review recent water-related property sales under the Colorado Canal and Fort Lyon Canal comparing encumbered versus unencumbered properties.
- General Manager Goble introduced Kristie Nackord with Palmer Land Conservancy. Kristie presented a proposal to include the District as a partner on the upcoming film, titled *Mirasol: Looking at the Sun*.

- The Board discussed and recommended approving the partnership to help sponsor the film outreach campaign during the regular board meeting.
- General Manager Goble provided an update on the kickoff of the Communications Plan including work being done with Fixer Design Group on rebranding.
- General Manager Goble reported that the Bureau of Reclamation has contacted the District requesting permission to conduct cultural and geotechnical investigations on District property that is leased by the CSU for use by the Arkansas Valley Research Station. This work is intended to help finalize the route of the Arkansas Valley Conduit. A site meeting is scheduled next week and staff will attend to discuss this with CSU and the BOR.
- General Manager Goble mentioned a growing concern with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association's involvement in water-related matters in the Arkansas River Valley. Tri-State, through their engineering and legal consultants, have earned a reputation for being aggressive in their objections to Rule 10 and Rule 14 accounting and operations and water court proceedings for many years in the lower Arkansas Valley. This has led to increased costs to other water users, including the District. General Manager Goble presented a letter that is being circulated throughout the lower Valley that will eventually be sent to Tri-State asking for them to have a discussion with affected water users about these concerns. The Board had no objections to General Manager Goble adding the District's name to this letter.

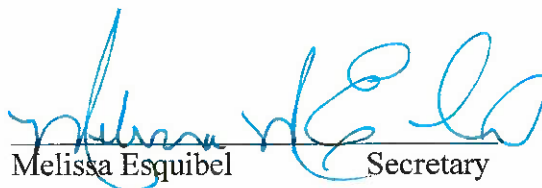
**Adjourn**

- At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Gill adjourned the Work Session Meeting.



Lynden Gill

Chairman



Melissa Esquibel

Secretary