



January 10, 2024
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, commencing at 10:34 a.m. at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 and via Zoom.

Directors Present

Lynden Gill – Chairman
Leroy Mauch – Vice Chairman
Melissa Esquibel – Secretary (via Zoom)
Reeves Brown – Treasurer
Matthew Carter
Anthony Nunez (via Zoom)

Directors Absent

Jared Gardner

District Staff Present

Jack Goble, P.E. – General Manager
Brenda Murr – Finance/Water
Jessica Mills – Administrative Assistant
Brad Lubbers – Water Resources Specialist
Blake Osborn – Water Resources Specialist
Nate Finnell – Project Technician
Megan Christensen – Special Counsel (via Zoom)

Guests Present

Kirstie Nackord – Palmer Land Conservancy
Bette McFarren – Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Kelly Roesch – Colorado Springs Utilities
John Knapp – Arkansas River Basin Water Forum
Rachel Zancanella – Division of Water Resources (via Zoom)
Tyler Kyffon – Pueblo County Citizen

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

Approve Agenda

- Agenda was approved by consensus.

10:41 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 Mauch and seconded by Director Brown. It carried unanimously.

10:43 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 – December 13, 2023
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023
 - December 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 Division of Water Resources, Division 2 Engineer Rachel Zancanella to discuss the administrative efforts involving the priority system, futile call administration, and illegal pond administration. DWR will be holding public and stakeholder meetings throughout the basin to discuss and answer questions about these administration efforts.
- General Manager Goble introduced Brenda Murr to present the LAVWCD 2024 Budget.
- General Manager Goble announced that during lunch, Kristie Nackord with the Palmer Land Conservancy will be showing their new documentary film titled *MIRASOL*.

Board Action

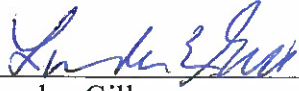
- Director Brown moved to approve Resolution 2024-01 to approve the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District 2024 Budget, seconded by Director Mauch. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

- John Knapp thanked the board for their continued support of the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum and Jessica Mills for all her hard work and involvement with the Water Forum.

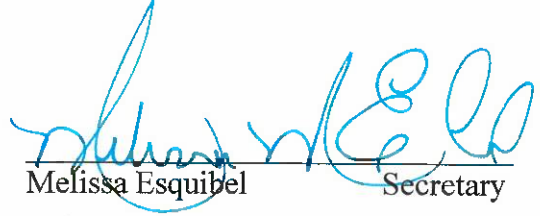
Adjourn

- At 11:41 a.m., Director Mauch moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Director Carter. Motion carried unanimously.



Lynden Gill

Chairman



Melissa Esquibel

Secretary