

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting January 26, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:01 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Al Garcia.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson; Engineer: John Faux.

Guests: Delmar Janovec, Al Tucker, Doug Brgoch, Gail Terry, Kent Hay, Steve Werner, Gerald Cisneros, David Rinehart, Press.

Garcia moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.

MINUTES – Edmundson moved and Garcia seconded to approve the December 15, 2014 minutes as submitted. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – King moved and Garcia seconded to accept the January Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS -

There were three bids for lease of the Ranch. Edmundson reported that the highest bid was \$18,600 from Corsair Cattle, Rocky Ford. Felt Monson & Culichia has developed a contract for the lease, and it includes a walkthrough checklist.

Garcia reported that the 2014 report on the Red Wing Augmentation Facility has been submitted to the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Dunn reported there no competitive insurance quotes received.

NEW BUSINESS -

Doug Brgoch reported on stream conditions on both rivers.

Water Case CW20 (08CW51) Elena Coppola, application for finding of reasonable diligence: Petrie Pond, tributary to Cucharas River, storage of 15 acre-feet absolute and 35 af conditional: 2227 CR 360 La Veta. The board agreed to take no action on this case.

White asked the board members if there is interest in having a website for HCWCD.

Dunn will bring information about this to the February board meeting.

The dates for two monthly meetings were changed: March 23 changed to March 30, and May 18 changed to May 26.

There was a King motion, seconded by Edmundson, to write a letter to the Colorado Water Conservation Board in support of the application from the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District for establishing a watershed collaborative for the Arkansas Basin, which would include the Cucharas Wildfire Planning Phase 2 project. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS –

Brgoch asked Faux to clarify if the SWSP accounting is from the first through the last day of each month, which it is. The water accounting year begins on October 1.

There was a motion by King, seconded by Edmundson, to approve a resolution stating “HCWCD meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at the Spanish Peaks Library, 415 Walsen Ave. at 6:00 pm, unless changed by board action, and the meeting notices will be posted at Walsenburg City Hall, La Veta Town Hall and Spanish Peaks Library.” Board approved.

BILLS -

There was a motion by King, seconded by Garcia, to pay the following bills, total \$41,946.65 and transfer \$42,000.00 from ColoTrust into the checking account. Board approved.

Glatfelter Public Practice – Liability and property insurance \$2249.00

Gary Hanisch – IPA and legal letters \$800.00

Hurfano World Journal – Ranch lease ad \$16.00

The Signature – Ranch lease ad \$18.24

Carol Dunn – Contract, mileage, meeting supplies, batteries \$1245.34

Felt, Monson & Culichia – Legal \$12402.41

TZA Water Engineers – Engineering \$11,330.04

Alfred Garcia/Garcia Family Investment – Gauge \$37.37

Rick Dunn – Water analyst contract \$68.55

JW Associates – Pre-fire watershed assessment \$11,724.70

Dick Wagner – Work on Ranch house \$2025.00

Desiree Rosenberg – Library meeting room \$30.00

At 7:24 pm King moved, Edmundson seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation, SWSP and including the purchase, acquisition or lease of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); conference with an attorney representing the District for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(b); and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e).

At 9:52 pm, King moved and Garcia seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 9:52 pm.

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Garcia, to approve the Ranch lease with Corsair Cattle and specify 60 head of cattle. Board approved. The number of dry-up acres will be determined by Faux in a day or two, and that information will be furnished to Edmundson to add to the lease document before it is signed.

There was a motion by Garcia, seconded by Edmundson, to approve the IPA with Atencio Engineering and have White sign the document. Board approved. Garcia will hand carry the IPA to Atencio for signing.

There being no further business, Edmundson moved and King seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary