

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting October 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:12 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

ROLL CALL

Directors present:
Raymond Harriman
Ray Ryan
Dawson Jordan
Erin Jerant

Secretary: Carol Dunn
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.
Attorney: Steve Monson

MINUTES

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Ryan, to approve the September Minutes as read. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three certificates of deposits is \$60,294.35; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$18,485.44; for a grand total of \$78,779.79 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Ryan seconded to accept the October 26 Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

Board developed a draft 2010 budget. There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Jerant, to forward the draft figures to the accountant to develop a budget to put on public display.

CONSULTANT REPORT – None.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Monson reported on the Colorado Water Conservation Board water filing. The Stipulation indicates the hearing will be postponed until November 2010. Filing will be in December 2010 if the County and HCWCD are diligent in developing a filing. We will object to a CWCB filing if it takes place earlier, and they will select an appropriation date one day after our filings. Monson advises that they are going to do what they want to do. They agree to not oppose the water court applications by the County and District. Stipulation is attached to these minutes. The important part of the stipulation is the extension of the filing date. Jerant moved and Jordan seconded to accept the Stipulation in essentially its present form. Board approved.

We will pay attorney charges as billed to stay updated on the case.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding White Creek Reservoir, Harriman has discussed enlarging it with Mike Dunsmore, and he estimated the cost at \$15 million. The Cucharas River would be

affected. This is one upstream storage reservoir that we could use to show diligence regarding the CWCB instream flow case.

NEW BUSINESS

Case 09CW110 Colorado Division of Water Resources filing to Approve Compact Rules Governing Improvements to Surface Water Irrigation Systems in the Arkansas River Basin in Colorado. Monson said the background involves the 1947 Kansas Compact. A task force developed the rules to head off a possible future lawsuit by Kansas. There will be statements of opposition to make sure that it doesn't substantially change. Jerant moved, and Jordan seconded, to take no action on this case. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – There was a question about Two Rivers Water Company, which appears to be co-located with Southern Colorado Land & Livestock.

BILLS TO PAY

Ryan moved, Jordan seconded and Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$864.13:

Carol Dunn, clerical fee, mileage, supplies – \$357.00
Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$116.50
Felt Monson Culichia - \$390.63

OTHER

There will be a special budget meeting to accept the budget on November 4 at 6:00 pm. Next regular meeting will be November 23, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Both meetings will be at Walsenburg City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ryan moved and Jordan seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Raymond Harriman, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary