

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting January 22, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was convened at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg, CO by President Scott King on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace, Juan Vallejos.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Ryan Farr

Guests: Philip Crum, Rick Dunn, Doug Brgoch, Gary Barber, Larry Weide, Gerald Cisneros, Dennis Hoyt and Jeanne Hoyt.

White moved and Vallejos seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.

MINUTES - White moved and Vallejos seconded to approve the December 11, 2017 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER REPORT – Edmundson moved and Vallejos seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Board approved.

New Business – On a White/Edmundson motion, the board approved Resolution 2018-01-1: Setting meeting dates.

The stream gage repair work in the Cucharas River is finished and paid. Brgoch reported that the gage at Boyd Ranch is not working, but DWR is hoping that the issue is just ice-related and will resolve itself.

River reports: Brgoch reported that, since summer, Welton Ditch has not called for water and has been taking a lesser amount than permitted. The Ritter call on the Arkansas River will now be honored. Maria Reservoir will likely finish filling this week. Holita reservoir is still under construction until March.

Ranch sale update – Information about the property has been sent to all the local realty offices and three private interests.

SMAF update – Rick Dunn reported the Sheep Mountain reservoir site is dry but not eroding. At the request of TZA Water Engineers, the pit is being expanded 90 feet to the south to remove more gravel for reasons of making a more stable pond embankment. Melanie Bounds at Huerfano County has approved this decision. The site will continue to be monitored over the winter.

BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber presented a letter of engagement to continue into year three of the grant that funds his position. HCWCD is the fiscal agent. Barber works for the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable and supports rural areas in finding and applying for grants. His liaison is Al Tucker, who supports the letter of engagement. There was a motion by White, seconded by Mace, to sign the year three engagement letter. Board approved.

Gravel tonnage – Dunn will generate a quarterly payment voucher to pay Sheep Mountain Ranch a royalty of 14 cents per ton for the gravel that has been removed from the SMAF site.

On a White/Mace motion, the board agreed to not renew the Special District Association membership.

ABRT meeting – King reported that the Arkansas Basin Roundtable has made the commitment to contribute its matching portion to HCWCD’s Collaborative Geotechnical Study grant.

GUEST COMMENTS: Phil Crum spoke on behalf of Ary Corporation about making a purchase offer for the District’s Ranch.

At 6:55 pm King called a recess. Meeting reconvened at 7:07 pm.

BILLS: White moved, Mace seconded and board approved transferring up to \$14,000 from ColoTrust to pay the following bills, which total \$61,424.30:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, SMAF, aug plan, Perrino, Ranch, exchg storage	\$22,649.51
Dunn Write, contract, mileage –	\$1,666.52
Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin, 12/1/17 – 1/21/18	\$332.50
Dunn Write, Infrastructure improvements project, 12/11/17 – 1/21/18	\$210.00
Dunn Write, Phreatophyte control grant admin, 10/24/17 – 1/21/18	\$315.00
Dunn Write, PRWCD grant admin, 10/24/17 – 1/13/18	\$341.25
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst contract, Ranch readings –	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst, SMAF Phase 1 inspections for TZA, 12/18/17 – 1/7/18	\$367.02
La Veta Carpentry: web site development, billed at 50% completion	\$875.00
TZA Water Engineers: Water acctg, SMAF, exchange application –	\$6,669.50
Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator invoice for November 2017 (grant pmt pending) –	\$5,254.66
Enlarged Southside Ditch Co, PRWCD grant project –	\$10,433.00
HRS Water Consultants, Infrastructure improvements grant project –	\$738.00
Walsenburg Insurance Co, director bond for Sandy White –	\$100.00
NeWEST Real Estate, Ranch appraisal (retroactive to 12/20/17) –	\$5,375.00
Glatfelter Public Practice, Liability and property insurance –	\$2,420.00
Postmaster, PO box rental, 6 months –	\$26.00
Leone Sand & Gravel, boulders for water diversion repair –	\$3219.10
Century Link, November phone bill –	\$47.24
Spanish Peaks Library, January rent –	\$65.00

At 7:17 pm, there was a motion by Mace, seconded by White, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation and SWSP, including the purchase, acquisition, lease or sale 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 pursuant to 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 8:12 pm, White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:12 pm. A special meeting was set for January 29 at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.