

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting July 13, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District, which had been properly noticed and was available for public participation, was called to order by President Scott King online with GoToMeeting on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:02 pm.

Directors participating: Lewis “Beaver” Edmundson, Michael “Sandy” White, Scott King, Lonnie Brown, Kent Mace.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; **Attorney:** Ryan Farr; **Engineer:** John Faux.

Guests identified: Jim Berg, Dave Steffan, Don Sieke, Jim Alt, Rachel Pittinger, Dennis Hoyt, Dave Bower, Phil Cummings.

The meeting **agenda** was approved on a White/Brown **motion**.

MINUTES – The June 29, 2020 minutes were approved as presented on a White/Brown **motion**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – The June 2020 financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a White/Mace **motion**. Dunn summarized the cash flow and the loan and grant information reports.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Fire Remediation grant project: On behalf of ARWC, Dave Steffan reported on 2019 Phase 3 progress. Digital elevation mapping is finished. Work continues on the geomorphic assessment of Indian Creek. ARWC is scoping out a possible project in that area. Dave is still monitoring on-the-ground projects for durability. There is good ground cover where the captured sediment behind the log erosion barriers was seeded. Rachel Pittinger encouraged HCWCD to hold occasional online coordination meetings for all of the parties involved in the project: CWCB, ARWC, Engenuity and River Science. Board agreed to do so.

Huerfano Regional Augmentation Plan – Board discussed ACME Growers (Keith Bouchard), which is delinquent on payment of 2019 and 2020 admin fees plus the reconciled SWSP legal, engineering and admin fees. The attorney was instructed to work with ACME to prepare an installment agreement and to notify ACME of the attorney’s fees the company owes for doing this.

Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility Phase 4 – Faux gave the dates for the pre-bid meeting, including a site visit, and the bid opening. These will be held in person. 62 contractors downloaded the bid information from BidNetDirect online, and the solicitation for bids was also published in the local newspaper.

Ark Basin Roundtable – ABRT is updating its Basin Implementation Plan, including a new template for projects. Unfortunately, it may be weighted toward large municipal projects.

Wm. Craig Ranch – Edmundson reported the Wm. Craig ditch was shut off on July 10. The electric fence may need to be repaired. Leone Sand & Gravel is hauling quite a bit of material from the gravel pit for construction of the Love’s truck stop at the south Walsenburg exit of I-25.

The board terms for Edmundson, King and Mace expire on 9/20/20. A legal ad will be placed in the newspaper no later than 8/27/20 advertising the openings.

King called a break at 6:38; meeting resumed at 6:50.

BILLS – White **moved**, Edmundson seconded, and board approved making the transfer to ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$5,989.50:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, ink & audit expense –	\$1,783.12
Dunn Write: Collab storage Phase 5 grant admin 6/19 – 7/12/20 –	\$252.00
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire Flood Mitigation grant admin 6/21 – 7/12/20 –	\$1,428.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst –	\$233.64
La Veta Carpentry: website maintenance –	\$150.00
Century Link, July phone bill (autopay 8/1) –	\$59.98
Walsenburg Insurance, bond for Mace –	\$100.00
Spanish Peaks Library, July rent –	\$65.00
Lamp Rynearson: water acctg –	\$950.00
World Journal, legal ad for SMAF bids –	\$56.76
Division of Mining Reclamation, annual fee for inactive SMAF gravel mining ops –	\$791.00
Transfer to ColoTrust savings –	\$6,000.00

At 6:58 there was a **motion** by Mace, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the SMAF, sale of HCWCD's Ranch, 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 7:20 pm, Edmundson **moved**, Brown seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 7:20 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary