

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting May 13, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Guests: Amos Mace, Steve Monson, Attorney; David Rinehart, press; Gail Terry, Rick Loeffler, George Downs, Annette Aring, Dennis Hoyt, Juan Trujillo.

White moved and King seconded to approve the agenda with two additions. Board approved.

MINUTES

There was a motion by White, seconded by King, to approve the April 22, 2013 Minutes with a change in the adjournment time to 8:48. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of both CDs is \$44,511.38; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$150,601.04; total in the Enterprise checking account is \$1,536.19; for a grand total of \$196,648.61 in all accounts. King moved and White seconded to accept the May Treasurer's Report as presented. Board approved. The discussion on ColoTrust or another money market account will be postponed until the next meeting, which will be 3 days before the CD matures.

A proposed letter to Kirk Russell, regarding application for a feasibility study small grant, was discussed. The Board reviewed the draft CWCB loan application and instructed Zorich on the items needed for the application. There was a White motion, seconded by Edmundson, to sign and send the letter with attachments. Board approved. There was a White motion, seconded by King, to have Tom Ortiz prepare the financial reports that are required for the grant application. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by King, to make the following board assignments to accompany the PERT chart activities attached to the record copy of these minutes: Water – Mace and Jordan; Contracts – White, Monson and King; Permits – Edmundson; Funding – King and White. Regarding the de-TABOR election in November – Dunn will work with Jim Culichia and report on a timeline at the June meeting. Regarding the Wyckoff storage pond site, a letter of intent has been sent. This was discussed further in executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Water case 2013CW21 – Peralta: Galvez and Peralta Springs, finding of reasonable diligence – Jordan moved and Edmundson seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

Water case 2013CW22 – Capp and Hennage: Capp-Hennage exempt well – Jordan moved and White seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

Water case 2013CW3006 – Lazy H, Echo Canyon: app to make conditional water rights absolute; storage in 4 ranch ponds. Zorich will research this case and report on it in June.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich reported on April diversions and said the data needs to be downloaded on a regular basis to meet State requirements. He suggested twice a month data download and to keep tabs on the augmentation station. Amos Mace reported that he has spent time on the augmentation station sealing up the leaks. Jordan has been keeping track of when the 4 & 11 water rights are on and off. The District has accumulated 4.59 ac-ft consumptive use in April + 1.4 ac-ft to date in May.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Annette Aring mentioned that USDA grants up to \$300,000 are available for projects involving solar panels. Mace reported on the Arkansas Valley Roundtable meeting.

BILLS TO PAY

Jordan moved, King seconded and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$4,196.59:

- Carol Dunn, District & Enterprise clerical, mileage – \$777.12
- Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$466.00
- Felt, Monson, Culichia – \$2796.47
- TZA Water Engineers – \$147.00
- Library, meeting room – \$10.00

OTHER

The next regular meeting will be June 24, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg.

King moved, White seconded and board approved going into executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition or lease of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); conferring 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).

There was a White motion, seconded by Edmundson to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Called back to order at 8:43 pm.

King moved and Jordan seconded to have Zorich be responsible to monitor the augmentation station on the 1st and the 15th of each month. Board approved with Mace abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, White moved and King seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.