

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 11, 2017

The budget hearing of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was convened at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg, CO by President Scott King on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

There were no comments on the budget. The budget hearing adjourned at 5:33 pm.

The monthly board meeting was called to order by President King at 5:35 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, Caitlin Dunn, Keith Bouchard, Erin McCartney, Stephen Wardell.

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

MINUTES - White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the November 27, 2017 minutes as presented. Board approved.

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

BUDGET – On a White/Mace motion, the board approved Resolution 2017-12-1: Adopting the 2018 budget. On a White/Edmundson motion, the board approved Resolution 2017-12-2: Setting mill levies. On a White/Vallejos motion, the board approved Resolution 2017-12-3: Appropriating sums of money.

On a White/Mace motion, the board passed Resolution 2017-12-4: Approving entry into a memorandum of understanding with Cucharas Sanitation & Water District, the Town of La Veta, and potentially the City of Walsenburg.

On a White/Edmundson motion, the board passed Resolution 2017-12-5: Appropriating conditional rights of exchange and conditional water storage rights.

The stream gage repair work in the Cucharas River was finished by Chaparral Construction on this date. Cross-vane weirs were installed at Boyd Ranch and Harrison Bridge directing streamflow toward the center of the channel so satellite monitors will have a reliable flow to measure.

The list of 2018 board meeting dates was approved on a Mace/Edmundson motion.

SMAF update – Citing a letter from TZA Water Engineers, Rick Dunn said it has been decided that HCWCD will not water the seeding at the Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility site at this late date, since the young plants would freeze. The site will be monitored over the winter.

ABRT meeting – White and King will make presentations in January to the Ark Basin Roundtable about the HCWCD grant application for \$98,000 to fund a geotechnical investigation of five potential locations for additional reservoirs in the Cucharas River basin.

GUEST COMMENTS: Stephen Wardell suggested the board authorize up to \$3,000 for materials to repair the Wm. Craig ditch diversion at the HCWCD Ranch. Board approved on a White/Edmundson

motion. Boulders for stream stabilization have already been delivered by Leone, but the price is significantly higher than Juan Vallejos was quoted by Leone. Vallejos will call Leone about the difference.

Phil Crum spoke on behalf of Ary Corporation about purchasing the District's Ranch – 1056.12 acres.

BILLS: White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved transferring \$65,500 from ColoTrust to paying the following bills, which total \$62,729.01:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, SMAF, aug plan, Perrino, Ranch, exchg storage	\$13,965.77
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: work for 5 growers/new applicants –	\$965.69
Dunn Write, contract, mileage –	\$1,642.80
Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin, Sept, Oct, & Nov, not previously billed	\$1,400.00
Dunn Write, Infrastructure improvements project, 11/19/17–12/11/17 –	\$183.75
Dunn Write, Infrastructure ADD for gage repairs, 11/14/17–12/11/17 –	\$166.25
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst contract, Ranch readings –	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst, SMAF Phase 1 inspections for TZA 11/21/17–12/10/17 –	\$196.01
TZA Water Engineers: Water acctg, SMAF, exchange app, Perrino case –	\$5,139.63
Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator invoice for November 2017 (grant pmt pending) –	\$5,294.66
Chapparral Construction, Infrastructure ADD for gage repairs, completed 12/11, up to –	\$23,300.00
Scott King, Director annual stipend and mileage reimbursement –	\$2,954.27
Kent Mace, annual stipend and mileage reimbursement –	\$1,585.20
Lewis “Beaver” Edmunson, annual stipend and mileage reimbursement –	\$1,509.23
Michael “Sandy” White, annual stipend and mileage reimbursement –	\$1,924.89
Juan Vallejos, annual stipend and mileage reimbursement –	\$1,411.86
La Plaza Inn, Board dinner, up to this amount –	\$650.00
Century Link, November phone bill –	\$54.00
Spanish Peaks Library, December rent –	\$65.00

At 6:10 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 6:58 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 6:58 pm.

There was a White/Vallejos motion to list the Ranch for sale at \$1,500 per acre. Board approved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary