

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 10, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King at the La Veta Fire Station in La Veta, CO on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:34 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Theresa Springer, David George, Mrs. George, Dave Steffan, Rick Dunn, Jim Alt.

King convened the budget hearing at 5:35 pm.

There were no public comments or questions.

The budget hearing adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Action on the Budget resolutions:

Resolution 2019-12-1 "Adopt 2020 Budget" was approved on a White/Edmundson motion.

Resolution 2019-12-2 "Set Mill Levies" was approved on a White/Edmundson motion.

Resolution 2019-12-3 "Appropriate Sums of Money" was approved on a White/Mace motion.

On a White/Edmundson motion, the meeting agenda was approved with an addition to old business.

MINUTES – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the November 25, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Regarding the Southway Corp augmentation water application, Monson reported he will need to send consultation notice to all the opposers to the original aug water case. He hopes to file as an uncontested motion to the court. There will also be a consultation with DWR in Pueblo. The plan is to have the Southway location added as an additional participating diversion within about 90 days.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion on the overexcavation at the SMAF pond site and the Flood Warning Gages IGA with Huerfano County were delayed until the executive session.

Infrastructure grant – Edmundson reported that Two Rivers Water & Farming has backed out of allowing the infrastructure improvements project monitoring well to be installed at Cucharas #5 reservoir. It has been decided to move the location upstream to the Abercrombie property, and Edmundson will talk to the landowner to request permission to put the well there.

CDPHE Project – On behalf of ARWC, Dave Steffan and Theresa Springer reported on progress on the "Goofy Calf" project. In this high burn area, the alluvial fan will be reshaped, as well as the stream channel. The contractor is Stan Winnery from Lake City. Since the weather has been agreeable, they reported that the plan is to finish work by December 20. The CDPHE purchase order expires 12/31/19.

White reported that Sam Ebersole would like to interview Kent Mace and Carol Dunn for additional video material for the webisode.

On a White/Brown motion, the meeting schedule for 2020 was approved.

BILLS – White moved, Edmundson seconded, and board approved paying the following bills, which total \$20,345.32:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Dunn Write, contract, mileage	\$1,640.02
Dunn Write, CDPHE grant/PO admin	\$4,310.00
Dunn Write, Early warning gages project admin –	\$220.00
Dunn Write, Collaborative Storage phase 3 grant admin -	\$350.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst –	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: Website maintenance –	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF	\$300.00
Lamp Rynearson: Water acctg, Storage collab. case, augmentation application –	\$3,401.00
Walsenburg Housing Authority, meeting room 14 mtgs in 2020 –	\$140.00
Alys' Restaurant: board dinner (up to)	\$1,100.00
Scott King: board member annual payment plus mileage and expenses	\$2,852.73
Michael D. White: board member annual payment plus mileage and expenses	\$1,702.98
Lewis Edmundson: board member annual payment plus mileage	\$1,280.91
Kent Mace: board member annual payment plus mileage	\$1,656.11
Lonnie Brown: board member annual payment plus mileage	\$796.36
Century Link, November phone bill (Autopay 12/4) –	\$60.21
Spanish Peaks Library, December rent –	\$65.00

At 6:34 there was a motion by White, seconded by Mace and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the District's Ranch, SMAF, and Cucharas Collaborative exchange case 17CW3075, 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 7:12 pm, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 7:12 pm.

On a White/Brown motion, the decision was made to discount the amount owed to Lamp Rynearson (\$4,606.00) by \$1,205.00.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary