

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting
July 18, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Huerfano County ambulance building.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Gerald Van Nort, Keith Bouchard, Scott Hunt, Max Vezzani, Gerald Cisneros, Leslie Klusmire, Gail Terry, Lenna Rauber; Bill Knowles and David Rinehart, Press.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – King moved and Mace seconded to approve the June 27, 2016 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – King moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the financial reports. Board approved.

Mace moved and Edmundson seconded to submit an application for a 60-day extension to file the audit, as requested by the auditor, Dixon Waller. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Edmundson reported he hired Huerfano Weed Control to spray the knapweed at the district's Ranch.

Test pits are done on Sheep Mountain Ranch and are ready to read. Brgoch suggested they should be read monthly unless water shows up in the pits.

Grower leases: White signed the augmentation water leases from ACME/Keith Bouchard, Emerald Valley Farms/Scott Clark and the supplemental water lease for Matrix Labs/Scott Hunt.

NEW BUSINESS –

Water case #2016CW7, Randy & Laurel Phemister application to make absolute, Phemister Spring, tributary to South Middle Creek, 3 gpm. Edmundson moved and King seconded to not oppose this case. Board approved.

Rauber reported that the call on the Huerfano River is at #20. Brgoch reported that the call on the Cucharas River could be at #5 by the end of the week.

Dunn provided a copy of the lease that has been entered into with the Spanish Peaks Library for the third floor office space #301.

Leslie Klusmire reported on the plans the City of Walsenburg has to repair and expand the City Lake dam at an estimated cost of \$6-million. Klusmire felt that the City would be able to get a CWCB loan at 2.2% with a ½% discount if the dam is under a compliance order.

White introduced the printed final report for the “Upper Cucharas River Watershed Identification and Analysis of Post-wildfire Sediment Basins.” He suggested board members attend the County Commissioners meeting on July 26 to officially present the report and ask that the Office of Emergency Management to be ready to use the report to act in the event of a wildfire event.

Director terms expiring – Mace, Edmundson and King all have terms expiring 9/30/16. Dunn will publish a legal notice on August 18 in both local papers about the expiring terms. All interested parties must submit a letter of interest to the District Judge before September 30.

DIRECTOR COMMITTEE REPORTS—

Ark Basin Roundtable report – King reported that 2017 grant funding will be severely impacted by the court ordered State repayment of overcharged funds to the oil & gas industry.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – Bouchard and Hunt had questions about augmentation water leases.

White called a recess at 7:08 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:22 pm.

BILLS – There was a motion by King, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board to pay the following bills, total \$12,782.62 and transfer \$38,000 to the ColoTrust account. Board approved.

Mountain States Financial Group – July bookkeeping \$120.00

Dunn Write – Contract, mileage, meeting room, cookies \$1,680.60

Dunn Write – Cucharas Storage Collaborative admin work/grant match \$75.00

Postmaster – PO Box rental, 6 months \$24.00

Monson, Cummins & Shohet – SWSP, board mtg, Aug plan, new applicants \$10,618.02

La Veta Carpentry – Read wells and report to Faux, July \$200.00

Spanish Peaks Library – Rent, July \$65.00

At 7:25 pm King moved, Mace seconded and Board approved going 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 8:10 pm, King moved and Mace seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:10 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary