

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting June 30, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 6:05 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Al Garcia. Secretary: Carol Dunn;
Guests: Gail Terry, Doug Brgoch, Lynn C. Barnes, Gerald Cisneros, Kent Hay, David Diedrich, Jim Berg, Max Vezzani, David Rinehart (press).

King moved and Garcia seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.
White announced that Mace will not be attending due to continued health problems.

MINUTES – Edmundson moved and Garcia seconded to approve the May 19, 2014 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - There was a King motion, seconded by Edmundson, to accept the June Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – The Colorado Open Records Act policy has been uploaded to the Colorado Special District Association website. Edmundson moved and Garcia seconded to ratify the Colorado Open Records Act policy. Board approved. There was a motion by King seconded by Garcia to join the Special District Association at a cost of \$451.59. Board approved.

Garcia reported on the status of the recharge pond, performance of the piezometers, and the smaller hay crop on the ranch than was anticipated.
Lynn Barnes reported on the weed situation at the ranch.
The CWCB grant to build the Redwing Augmentation Facility has been approved and the letter to proceed has been received. The grant amount is \$250,000.
Discussion was held on the timing to build the RWAFF. Pre-construction work this fall could get ready for construction next year. There is no decree to fill the pond or exchange from it. Next year's SWSP would need to be revised to allow storing water in the RWAFF. There was a Garcia motion, seconded by Edmundson, to get bids for engineering work "management + surveying" and begin with design and specifications for the RWAFF. Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS – New water case: 2014CW10 – Mary Hund-Snyder, application to make absolute, Kouba Ditch (04CW108) 0.3 cfs, used for irrigation; tributary to Little Graneros Creek. There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Garcia, to not oppose the case. Board approved.
Brgoch reported exceptional runoff this spring. All the Reed rights were covered. The priority is the #13 as of this date.
Diedrich reported 16 cfs at the top of the Huerfano River. The call is currently at #18. Diedrich will be leaving in July to take a new job in District 10. He asked for return of the lender SDR recorder which has been used by the District for several years. Brgoch suggested the Board request to purchase a recorder from the State at a reduced rate. Garcia moved and King seconded to purchase a recorder using the State discount available. Board approved. The District's V-notch measurements will be checked out and tested by a State hydro specialist.

The 2014 Substitute Water Supply Plan has been approved with conditions. John Faux wrote a draft letter about those conditions. Additional piezometers will be required at an estimated cost of about \$15,000. Another condition is that a meter test be conducted on the V-notch weir. The board will instruct Faux to request an exemption since the State hydro specialist will be doing that.

The addendum to the CO61 Water Association augmentation lease to allow the outdoor watering that the lessee requested has been completed.

There was a motion by Garcia, seconded by Edmundson, to obtain property insurance at the Ranch for \$658 annual premium from Insurance Associates, Boulder. Board approved.

Edmundson and Garcia reported on the May 28 tour with Walsh Environmental at both the District's Ranch and the Red Wing facility.

White reported that the Ark Valley Roundtable is about ready to have its Basin Implementation Plan reviewed by the members.

Break at 7:38 pm. Reconvened at 7:49 pm.

BILLS – There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Garcia, to pay the following bills, total \$66,237.24. Board approved.

Walsenburg Lumber, supplies for recharge pond - \$12.65

Carol Dunn, contract, mileage, postage - \$1,229.96

Garcia Family Investment /Alfred Garcia, stream gauge – \$2,227.34

TZA Water Engineers - \$19,876.34

Walsh Environmental, desktop review and 1041 & 404 permitting work - \$7,938.81

Felt, Monson & Culichia - \$12,512.55

Special District Association, half-price membership - \$451.59

Eric Andreatta, earthmoving at Ranch - \$1,008.00

Huerfano Weed Control, weed treatment at Ranch - \$1,950.00

Kim Mender, meeting room - \$30.00

ColoTrust account, transfer – \$19,000.00

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – None.

At 7:54 Garcia moved, Edmundson seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation, ditch users' agreement, and including 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); 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 8:32 pm, King moved and Garcia seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:32 pm.

There was a motion by King, seconded by Garcia to send the augmentation water invoice to Malachite Spring for \$11,000.

There being no further business, Garcia moved and Edmundson seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.