

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting February 23, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:01 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Al Garcia.

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Guests: Steve Cook; Ray Garcia, County Commissioners; Jim Eccher, Walsenburg Mayor; Caitlin Dunn, Press.

King moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.

MINUTES – King moved and Garcia seconded to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes as submitted. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – King moved and Garcia seconded to accept the February Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – White reported that the Upper Cucharas Pre-fire Watershed Assessment is finished. The consultant, Brad Piehl, is incorporating comments into the final report, and it should be done in the next few days. An estimate of \$50 each to print 20 copies was received from a printer in Breckenridge Piehl has worked with. A printer in Pueblo opted not to provide a quote, and Main Street Office Supply gave a verbal estimate of about \$75 per copy. King moved and Edmundson seconded ordering 20 copies through Piehl. Board approved.

Al Garcia reported that engineering on the Red Wing Augmentation Facility is proceeding. He met with Christy Wyckoff, who is concerned about the trees, but overall is ok with the project. He cautioned that it's becoming obvious there may be an expensive problem getting enough fines to cover the pond liner as required under the lease. Ray Garcia told the board there may be a suitable alternate site for the augmentation pond on Sheep Mountain Ranch, and the manager, Grady Grissom, indicates the owner may be interested in making five acres available. Garcia feels Hibberd would drop her objection to the HCWCD water case if the reservoir site is moved.

At the Ranch, the lessees are doing some work on the house, and Edmundson told them to save their receipts so HCWCD can reimburse them for the materials. Garcia said a bridge was installed over the ditch. The V-notch was replaced by a Parshall flume. A sand gate will be installed soon. Then irrigation can begin. The lessee will be using the all of the Jose Maria ditch water. Edmundson reported the Ranch looks a lot better now than it did two months ago.

Dunn reported that a competitive workers comp insurance quote was received from Pinnacle insurance for the administrative position and board members only beginning March 1 - \$333.20; beginning May 1 – \$223.65.

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Garcia to approve the OXY augmentation lease agreement. Board approved.

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Garcia to approve the change in dryup on the Ranch lease to 32 acres. Board approved. Edmundson will work out the details with the Ranch lessee.

NEW BUSINESS – Water Case 2015CW3000 - C. Edward Fulton, application for finding of reasonable diligence on 3 springs: Field, Corral & Big Pine, total 15 gpm, conditional for livestock and wildlife. King moved and Edmundson seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

Dunn reported on a potential web site for HCWCD. The cost would be about \$1,000 to set up and about \$50-\$100 per month for maintenance.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – King reported on the Ark Basin Roundtable – Sandy White was elected Vice-president of the Roundtable by an overwhelming vote. King said this is an indication that most members want more emphasis on the importance of agriculture.

BILLS – There was a motion by Garcia, seconded by King, to pay the following bills, total \$38,226.87 and transfer \$12,500.00 from ColoTrust into the checking account. Board approved.

Leone Sand & Gravel – for work on Ranch \$723.20

Al Garcia/Garcia Family Investment – winch and steel for Jose Maria headgate \$875.76

Mountain Disposal – Roll-off dumpster for Ranch cleanup \$400.00

Walsenburg Lumber – Plumbing, hardware for Ranch house \$32.00

Carol Dunn – Contract, mileage, meeting expense, paper, postage, typewriter ribbons \$1,303.29

Felt, Monson & Culichia – Legal \$16,692.02

TZA Water Engineers – Engineering \$4,932.50

Walsenburg Insurance – Bond for Garcia \$100.00

Eric Andreatta – work at Ranch \$3626.50

Atencio Engineering – RWF design \$9022.50

Pinnacol Assurance – Workers Comp insurance \$424.00

Rick Dunn – Water analyst contract \$65.10

Desiree Rosenberg – Library meeting room \$30.00

Break at 7:12 pm, and reconvened at 7:20 pm.

At 7:20 pm King moved, Edmundson seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation, SWSP and including the purchase, acquisition or lease of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a), 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 8:40 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 8:40 pm. There being no further business, Edmundson moved and King seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary