

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting May 22, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:01 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Ryan Farr; Engineer: John Faux.

Guests: Keith Bouchard, Rick Dunn, Caitlin Dunn, Gerald Cisneros, Doug Brgoch, Gail Terry, Delmar Janovec; David Rinehart (press), Bill Knowles (press).

White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved the agenda.

Minutes – White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved the March 27, 2017 minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Edmundson moved, White seconded and board approved the treasurer's report.

New Business - Water Case 2017CW3: The board decided to take no action.

River reports—Doug Broch reported on both rivers, still running very full. Huerfano County is currently contributing to the Arkansas call.

White reported on the May 25 Storage Collaborative meeting. This will likely be the last meeting of the collaborative before the final project report is issued. Rick Parsons sent a draft memo to all participants and White encouraged board to review it.

Edmundson reported the diversion washed out at the District's Ranch, so the ditch is dry, and nothing going to augmentation credit. The cost of a permanent structure would be an issue. Faux said HCWCD will be okay through May with augmentation credits already built up, but may be out of compliance if the problem is not fixed by June. Edmundson and Vallejos will make sure the repairs are made. Jose Maria ditch has been cleaned. It could be used but is not needed. A problem with the electrical circuits in the Ranch house has been repaired.

Ark Basin Roundtable meeting—King reported that there has been a lot of information about funding and grants and forgivable loans. There is money available that should be pursued. \$10 million has been allocated to implementing the Colorado Water Plan.

Sheep Mountain—Mace stated that three required signs about the gravel mining operation have been posted. There have been no phone calls about it. The County Conditional Use Permit was approved on 5/16/17. The Mined Land Reclamation Permit application was filed on 5/18/17.

Faux discussed design plans and took comments. He suggested a special meeting on June 12 to approve the design engineering and discussed a tentative schedule. There are two phases—stripping the topsoil is first. The board agreed that HCWCD would be responsible to oversee this phase and authorized Faux to use Rick Dunn, Water Analyst, to perform these duties.

Director Comments - The attorney is working on filing applications for inclusion of the marijuana businesses into the adjudicated augmentation plan, including Sakun, NuGro, and ACME. Emerald Valley is in the consultation period, and Cummings will be filed soon. Hunt has not replied back.

June 28 is the deadline for comments about adding the Sheep Mountain storage pond to the adjudicated augmentation plan.

White moved and Edmundson seconded to write a letter supporting the administration's position on Section 404 permit regulations regarding "waters of the United States." Board approved.

King called a recess at 6:53 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 7:01 pm.

Executive Session - At 7:01 pm there was a motion by White, seconded by Vallejos, and approved by the board 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 7:58 pm, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to open session at 7:58 pm.

Bills: White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved transferring \$49,000 to ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$89,717.71:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping – \$120.00

Monson, Cummins & Shohet, Bd mtg, work for 6 growers, Sheep Mtn, aug plan – \$20,017.84

Monson, Cummins & Shohet, Permit app fee of Div of Reclamation Mining & Safety – \$2,696.00

Dunn Write, contract, mileage, paper, meeting expenses – \$1,666.01

ParsonsWater Cucharas Storage Collaborative grant admin – \$7,457.00

Dunn Write, Cucharas Storage Collaborative grant admin – \$175.00

Dunn Write, PRWCD grant fiscal agent – \$500.50

Dunn Write, phreatophyte control grant admin – \$159.26

Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin -- \$201.25

TZA Water Engineers, Permit work, Aug Plan inclusions, IGA, Board mtg, growers – \$11,139.36

TZA Water Engineers, Sheep Mountain pond – \$22,737.00

La Veta Carpentry, Water analyst contract, May & battery replacement on data loggers – \$436.00

Century Link, phone service, May – \$54.38

Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator invoice for April 2017 (grant pmt pending) – \$7,010.46

Dotter Abstract, Sheep Mountain easement, update title commitment – \$300.00

Walsenburg Insurance, Kent Mace bond – \$100.00

Huerfano World Journal, Legal ad for Notice of Inclusion, NuGro – \$66.00

Pinnacol Insurance, Workers Comp additional premium calculated after payroll audit -- \$26.00

HRS Water Consultants, Engineering on Infrastructure improvements grant project -- \$1,737.00

Spanish Peaks Library, May rent – \$65.00

Bror Hultgren, Phreatophyte project – \$13,761.40

Justin David Inc. -- \$1,500.00

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Scott King
President

Carol Dunn
Secretary