

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting April 30, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by Vice-president Sandy White on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 6:14 pm.

### ROLL CALL

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Engineer: John Faux; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Lewis DeLaura, Dan Been, Rick Loeffler, Gail Terry, David Diedrich, Steve Werner, Kent Hay, Mayor James Eccher, Stephen Wardell, Al Tucker, Ted M. Zorich, Jr.; David Rinehart (press).

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

### MINUTES

King moved and Garcia seconded to approve the March 24 minutes as changed. Board approved.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

There was an Edmundson motion, seconded by King, to accept the April Treasurer’s report. Board approved. White requested that Monson and Faux come up with revised estimates of their expenses for the rest of the year.

King moved to increase the Treasurer Bond at a cost of up to \$500 for the increase. The motion died for lack of second.

### OLD BUSINSS

Garcia reported that the augmentation station has been running. The two piezometers are in and the berm is built. David Diedrich suggested keeping a close eye on the ditch and headgate while the river is fluctuating. When we start putting water through the recharge pond, it will need to be checked weekly or twice per week. Irrigation water is running.

### NEW BUSINESS

New water case: 2014CW111 Mountain Properties Holdings, LLC – 1<sup>st</sup> amended application for water storage rights: Chandler Ponds 1-6 on Martin Creek – 3.5 a.f.; 1 a.f.; 0.75 a.f.; 0.1 a.f.; .1 a.f. for total of 5.45 a.f.

On this case, David Diedrich advised that the outflows for these on-channel ponds are not large enough and there is potential for injury downstream. Larger drains will be required. The Huerfano River Report was presented by Diedrich and he gave Doug Brgoch’s regrets that he had another meeting.

SWSP update: Steve Monson reported that he met with the Division of Water Resources to discuss the issues the State has with the SWSP. Several problems were worked out, most importantly that OXY can be part of the plan. Monson was hoping for approval by May 10. Board discussed ARCO Spring, a downstream stock pond that is not decreed. The Paradise Acres pond was also discussed.

The well depletion issues have been resolved, and the State was satisfied with the information submitted regarding outdoor watering for landscape and water for horses. The amount required is still within the amount CO61 has leased under the SWSP. Gardner's depletion has gone up and this will be discussed in Executive Session. The June meeting date was changed to June 30. No estimate came back yet for property insurance at the William Craig Ranch. A summary was given of the public input meetings on the State Water Plan. Al Tucker reported on the Arkansas Water Forum. He reported that the hot topics right now for the State Water Plan are storage and watershed protection. King moved and Edmundson seconded to have the Board's vice-president, Sandy White, sign the augmentation water leases. Board approved.

#### BILLS TO PAY:

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by King, to pay the bills on the attached list, total \$68,272.77 plus the following three bills. Board approved. King moved and Garcia seconded to ratify payment of checks 1660, 1661, 1662 written between board meetings – total amount \$10,527.21. Board approved.

Walsenburg Insurance - Bond for Al Garcia, \$100.00

Alfred Garcia – Switches, batteries & cores, clamps \$294.68

Christina Montez, meeting room \$30.00

Grand total: \$68,697.45

#### DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Monson and Faux were thanked for the good job in setting up the meeting with the State in Pueblo and getting the issues with the SWSP resolved.

Mayor James Eccher spoke with the Board about the Welton winter call. He asked that HCWCD stand with Walsenburg in objecting the next time there is a winter call on Welton. White said he felt the best tact to take would be to work on futile call parameters with Steve Witte.

Break at 7:35. Reconvened at 7:46.

At 7:46 Garcia moved, King seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters relating to the regional augmentation plan, SWSP, the Rowland water case, and the Welton winter call, 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 9:32 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 9:32 pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was a Garcia motion, seconded by Edmundson, to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.