

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting March 25, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King at Walsenburg Housing Authority on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:01 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Doug Brgoch and Lenna Rauber, Water Commissioners; Rick Dunn, Mike Morgan, Sheryl Hanisch.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the February 25, 2018 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER REPORT – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – White reported we don't have any applicants for the board vacancy. White moved, Edmundson seconded that Monson file a motion with the District Court to amend the organic decree temporarily to allow an applicant for the board vacancy from anywhere in Huerfano County, designated as "at-large." Board approved. The vacant term expires 9/30/19.

NEW BUSINESS – (No new water cases)

There was an Edmundson motion, seconded by White to award the bid in the amount of \$539,350.00 for SMAF Phase 3 construction to Paul Morgan Excavating. Board approved.

Rauber reported the Huerfano River flows are at 9 feet daily, and the call is #29-33. Brgoch reported the Cucharas flow is 8 feet at the upper reach. Walsenburg and Maria Lake are taking most of that. The call has started on the Arkansas River. There's more snow on the upper Huerfano watershed than the Cucharas.

Headgate restoration project – White reported CWCB came up with about \$75,000 and have issued a purchase order to do a hydraulic and hydrologic analysis on the headgates and diversion structures below the Spring Creek burn scar. There was a White/Edmundson motion to sign the Enginuity contract to do the analysis and determine which headgates/diversions are most likely to be damaged or destroyed by post-fire flooding. Board approved.

White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved signing the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative basic task order contract. White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved having the committee of King, White and CDunn review the task orders that come up under that contract and approve them as appropriate.

RDunn reported that Steve Wardell just recently took a look at the recharge pond at the district's Ranch and reports that the sediment and ash have broken up and blown away. Wardell told Rauber he will start running water on March 26, with 0.07 cfs through the augmentation station. Wardell will get a

battery and get the SDR station up and running. Edmundson reported the ditches to the pond and laterals have been cleaned and the fields have been dragged, but irrigation won't start for a few weeks. The tenant, Ernie Hart, did not order replacement propane at the end of his lease, so Edmundson placed the order. CDunn gave Hart's address to Rocky Mtn LP Gas for mailing the invoice.

At 7:08 King called for a break. At 7:17 the meeting was reconvened.

Bills: White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved transferring \$41,500 to ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$22,263.18:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping & 1099-MISC forms	\$215.65
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, Ranch, Wbg and exchg storage cases	\$6,354.80
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, snacks, Office365 ann subscrip, Bluetooth speakerphone	\$2,270.34
Dunn Write: Early warning gages project admin	\$1,756.54
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin	\$1,475.74
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: Website maintenance	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF Phase 3	\$333.64
Lamp Rynearson: Water acctg, 2019 projections; recharge pond; SMAF	\$8,259.50
Wachob & Wachob: Survey stock pile volumes	\$700.00
IDNS: Website domain name renewal, 2 years	\$80.00
HRS Water Consultants: Engineering on Infrastructure improvements grant project	\$630.00
Walsenburg Housing Authority: meeting room rental for 12 meetings	\$120.00
Huerfano World Journal: Legal ad for SMAF bid	\$52.80
Century Link: March phone bill	\$55.00
Spanish Peaks Library: March rent	\$65.00

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At 7:24 there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving Walsenburg Exchange case 17CW3060, Cucharas Collaborative exchange case 17CW3075, 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 9:21 pm, White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 9:21 pm.

There was a White/Mace motion to authorize Edmundson to take over management of the Ranch, including rest and pasture of irrigated areas as he deems appropriate, upkeep, maintenance and irrigation responsibilities. Board approved with Edmundson abstaining. He will be allowed to graze a reasonable number of cattle on the Ranch, and the quid pro quo is that he operates the irrigation.

There was a White/Edmundson motion that Monson inform Code of the West Realty that the purchase price of the Ranch offer is agreeable, but the terms need to be amended. Board approved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

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Scott King, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary