

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting July 22, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:11 pm.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: Dawson Jordan, Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace.
Secretary: Carol Dunn
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.
Guests: Steve Monson, attorney; Doug Brgoch, Juan Trujillo, Gail Terry, Jack Burke, David Rinehart, press.

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

MINUTES

There was a motion by White, seconded by King, to approve the June 24 and July 8, 2013 meeting minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The CD amount is \$20,659.28; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$209,750.22; total in the Enterprise checking account is \$1,534.39; for a grand total of \$210,872.16 in all accounts. Edmundson moved and White seconded to accept the July Treasurer's Report as presented. Board approved.
King was asked to work with Dunn to move up to \$200K to the new ColoTrust account.

White reported on the meeting with Anna Mauss in Denver earlier in the day. HCWCD was represented by Mace, White, Tom Dea and Jim Culichia. Mauss will shepherd the loan application through the process. The financial feasibility study is underway. White was complimentary of the presentation by TZA Water Engineers. White advised that the District may be able to apply for a loan to cover the entire cost of the project. Then the cash on hand can be used to pay for items that cannot be paid for with loan funds. The interest rate will be 2.25% for \$2+ million. The loan would be drawn as funds are needed, and interest would be paid only on the funds that are drawn.

Regarding the November election, Jordan moved and White seconded to appoint Dunn as the Designated Election Official. Board approved.

Dunn presented an intergovernmental agreement with Huerfano County. There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by White, to approve the intergovernmental agreement. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mace announced that a purchase contract has been signed for the Camp ranch with its water rights.

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Edmundson, to approve the press release handed out by Dunn. Board approved.

Water storage update – Monson reported that the storage pond contract will probably be signed and ready in time for the loan application.

NEW BUSINESS

2013CW23 (2000CW80) Hog Heaven: Finding of Reasonable Diligence on Hog Heaven #1 Spring; 30 gpm. Jordan moved and White seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich gave details on the water case Hog Heaven – The retaining pool is not in the original filing. This is located just below Paradise Acres. The applicant is asking for an additional 9 acres of irrigated land, but the Division Engineer reported only one irrigated acre on the 20-acre parcel.

King moved and White seconded to move the District's old records from Dunn's residence into a locked storage room at the Walsenburg library. Board approved.

It was decided that the District would sell the 1998 edition of Water Resources of Huerfano County, by Zorich-Erker Engineering, for \$75.00 if any are requested.

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Edmundson, for HCWCD to get its own PO box at La Veta Post Office. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Edmundson told the Board it might soon want to hold a pre-application conference with the planning commission for the 1041 permit. The permit cost is \$200, but HCWCD may be able to have it waived since it is a local public entity. The District will need to show the likelihood of obtaining the 1041 permit for the water court case. Culichia will contact Steve Channel to set up a pre-app meeting.

BILLS TO PAY

Jordan moved, White seconded and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$5,583.93:

Carol Dunn, District & Enterprise clerical, mileage – \$779.30

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$941.50

Felt, Monson, Culichia – \$3,208.13 & \$625.00

Beth Harper, Library meeting room – \$30.00

OTHER

The next regular meeting will be August 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg.

There was a break from 7:30 to 7:42.

Jordan moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved going into executive session to discuss 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); and personnel matters as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(f).

There was a King motion, seconded by Edmundson, to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Board approved. Called back to order at 8:43 pm.

There was a motion by King, seconded by White, to provide a \$50,000 check for earnest money on the Camp property purchase contract. Board approved.

A tour of the property and the storage site will be arranged.

There was a motion by White, seconded by King, to have Felt Monson & Culichia arrange for a Phase I Environmental analysis by EDAW . Board approved.

There was a motion by White, seconded by Jordan, to move \$150,000 to the ColoTrust account. Board approved.

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Edmundson, to have Felt Monson & Culichia arrange for a boundary and improvements survey of the Camp property. Board approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Edmundson moved and Jordan seconded to adjourn.

Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Kent Mace, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary